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The Classis of Greene reports: - That in view of the past year they have occasion for mingled feelings of humility, gratitude and hope. The churches of Leeds and Kiskatom, and the first church of Coxsackie have been refreshed with an extensive out-pouring of the spirit, and large numbers have been added to these churches, as the fruits of the revivals which they have enjoyed, as will appear from the tables. Hopeful indications of good are manifest in other churches, particularly where prayer meetings and sabbath schools are in a flourishing condition. Classis sincerely laments over much apathy in relation to the church of Christ, and much worldliness which prevails in some of the churches. They deeply lament that catechetical instruction is almost universally neglected in the present system of religious education, and urge all the pastors to decisive action, in order to elevate the cause of ca-, techetical and Biblical instruction. From a collective view of the state of religion, the Classis say, that they have occasion to express sincere gratitude to God for his beams of love and mercy to their churches, in the midst of all the reasons for lamentation. The churches they say have been further strengthened by the addition of one hundred and thirty-one members, while peace and harmony prevail.

The Classis of Schoharie reports: — That all their churches except one are regularly and statedly enjoying the preaching of the word and the administration of the ordinances. There have been small additions to the churches, and by deaths and dismissions the number of communicants has diminished. They mourn that there are no facts which indi-

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Rev. Cornelius Gates.

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Rev. Richard D. Van Kleeck.

From the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. Jacob D. Fonda.

Rev. David Dyer.

From the Classis of Ulster.

Rev. Cornelius L. Van Dyck,

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From the Classis of Cayuga.

Rev. John C. F. Hoes.

From the Classis of Orange.

Rev. Ferdinand H. Vanderveer.

From the Classis of Greene.

Rev. Brogun Hoff.

James Van Duzen.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Rev. Jacob D. Fonda was chosen President; the Rev. Richard D. Van Kleeck, Adsessor, and the Rev. Messrs. John P. Knox and Alanson B. Chittenden, Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

DELEGATAS FROM PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW-YORK.

None appeared.

The Rev. John P. Knox was appointed a delegate to attend the next stated meeting of said Synod.

ARTICLE V.

READING OF MINUTES.

The minutes of the last stated meeting, and those also of the special meeting, were read.

ARTICLE VI.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE VII.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following committees were appointed, viz:

On Classical Minutes.—The Rev. Messrs. Richard D. Van Kleek, Douw Van OLinda, and the elder James Van Dusen.

On Overtures.—The Rev. Messrs. John P. Knox, John Grey, and the elder Lyman Vandenburgh.

On Synodical Minutes.—The Rev. Messrs. John C. F. Hoes, Hugh M. Boyd, and the elder Abraham Schermerhorn.

On the Questorate.—The Rev. Messrs. Cornelius L. Van Dyck, Brogun Hoff, and the elder Peter Waggoner.

On the Synodical Report.—The Rev. Messrs. John B. Steele, Asahel Bronson, and the elder Eldert O. Van Woert.

On Missions.—The Rev. Messrs. David Dyer, Ferdinand H. Vanderveer, and the elder James Westfall.

ARTICLE VIII.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The committee on Classical Minutes presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

The committee on Classical Minutes beg leave to

REPORT:

That in the minutes of the Classis of Ulster, the only matter requiring attention is, a notice of an appeal from a decision of said Classis, by Mr. Simeon D. Robison, a member of the church of Martown.

On the minutes of the Classis of Schenectady, notice of an appeal from a decision of said Classis, by Mr. Abraham Best, on page 348. Also, of another appeal by the same Mr. Best, on page 356. Also, an appeal of Mr. Howd from a decision of said Classis, on page 343.

On the minutes of the Classis of Orange, notice is given on pages 244 and 264, that said Classis appeal to the General Synod from the decision of the Particular Synod, of October last, sustaining the appeal of the Rev. Samuel Van Vechten,



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ARTICLE IX.

REFERENCES.

A complaint signed by a minority of the Classis of Orange, in regard to certain proceedings of the majority of said Classsis, was offered. Whereupon, the following minute was adopted.

Whereas said paper is addressed to the Particular Synod convened in Albany, October 14, 1840, and whereas one of the minority assure this Synod that it is desired by the said minority, that the whole matter of complaint should come before General Synod,

Resolved, As the sense of this Synod, that it is competent for the minority to present their complaint immediately to General Synod. (See Rules of Church Government, chap. 2, art. 1, sec. 11.)

ARTICLE X.

APPEALS.

Synod proceeded to consider the appeal of Mr. Simeon B. Robison, from a decision of the Classis of Ulster, confirming the act of the church of Marbletown, which suspended him from the communion, for his marriage of his deceased wife's sister.

- 1. The sentence appealed from was read.
- 2. The appeal and reasons of appeal were read.
- The appellant was heard in support of his appeal, by his counsel, the Rev. F. H. Vanderveer.
- 4. One of the original parties was heard, by the Rev. C. L. Van Dyck.

The parties having withdrawn, the Synod proceeded to deliberate and decide, when the following resolution was proposed.

Resolved, That the appeal be sustained.

The ayes and nays were called, and are as follows.

Ayes—J. J. Demarest, A. Bronson, E. O. Van Woert, P. Waggoner, J. Gray, L. Vandenburgh, A. R. Schermerhorn, H. M. Boyd, J. Westfall, J. D. Fonda, D. Dyer, D. Van OLinda, B. Hoff, J. Van Dusen.

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Nays—A. B. Chittenden, J. B. Steele, J. P. Knox, C. Gates, R. D. Van Kleeck, J. C. F. Hoes.

The resolution was decided in the affirmative for the following reasons.

- 1. Because the appellant acted under the belief that such marriage was not contrary to the word of God, or the prevailing opinion of his brethren.
- 2. Because the appellant believed, and such was the fact, that the Classis of Ulster had expressed their opinion, that such marriage was not forbidden by the word of God, nor contrary to a Christian life.
- 3. Because the resolutions of General Synod of 1816, as referring to rules and canons of the church, of the existence of which rules and canons the Synod had not sufficient evidence.
- 4. Because the resolutions of General Synod of 1816, seem to be nothing more than the opinion of the brethren, constituting the committee to whom the subject was referred, and that those opinions were embodied in the form of resolutions, without adducing any evidence from the word of God, or from any other source, showing that their opinions were founded in truth.

The Synod proceeded to a consideration of the appeal of Mr. Abraham Best from a decision of the Classis of Schenectady, concerning his suspension from the communion of the church of Amity, in the following order:

- 1. The sentence appealed from was read.
- 2. The appeal and reasons were read.
- 3. All the documents as reported by the committee on over-tures were read.
- 4. The appellant was heard in support of his appeal by the Rev. Douw Van OLinda.
- 5. One of the original parties was heard by Rev. A. Bronson.

The parties having withdrawn, the Synod proceeded to deliberate and decide. Whereupon the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the appeal be not sustained: Because Sy-

nod are fully convinced that some of the charges preferred against Mr. Best are clearly substantiated, and that the Consistory of the church of Amity had ample ground for his suspension.

Mr. Best gave notice of his intention to appeal from the above decision to the next General Synod.

The Synod, therefore, appointed the Rev. John C. F. Hoes and the Rev. A. B. Chittenden, to defend their proceedings before the General Synod.

ARTICLE XI.
CHURCH GOVERNMENT.
Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.
PROFESSORATE.
Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.
schools and christian education.
Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.
STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.
Nothing occurred.
ARTICLE XVII.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII

MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions presented the following report, which was adopted.

The committee to whom the subject of Missions was referred, beg leave respectfully to

REPORT:

That it affords them unmixed satisfaction to witness the increasing interest that is felt in this pre-eminently important part of Christian duty. They regard it as a near approximation to the mind of Jesus, and an omen of great good to the church. Yet believing as they do that the King of Zion intends to promote his kingdom in this world by the agency of his saints, and that just in proportion to the measures they employ, and the faith and prayer they exercise, will be the advancement of the truth, they cannot but sincerely mourn over the inadequacy of this interest and zeal in the cause of missions, when compared with the value of the soul, the wants of the world, and the strong injunctions of our redeeming Lord.

They would remind the members of our Zion that the church is designed to be the exemplar of him "who though he was rich for our sakes became poor, that we through his poverty might be rich;" that the Holy Spirit cherishes the most enlarged and earnest compassion for the spiritual happiness of man, and seeks in us a oneness of feeling, desire and aim with himself. Yet, that we cannot possess the latter, or present the former, without deeply commiserating the metal maladies and dangers of our race, and earnestly laboring for their salvation.

We enjoy every essential facility that can be required for the most successful prosecution of this heavenly undertaking. We have "the word which is able to make us wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Jesus Christ." We have the throne of grace, where we may prevalently plead the promises and predictions of Almighty love. With the promised blessing of "the Eternal spirit," who has said, "For as the earth bringeth forth her fruit, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations."

Your committee would earnestly commend this subject to the renewed and prayerful attention of the churches; convinced that thereby they will promote their own comfort and prosperity, fulfil the intentions of their glorious Head, and extend the blessings of His benignant reign. It has special claims on the prayers and liberality of the friends of Jesus at

the present time.

As it respects foreign missions, while hundreds of thousands who are perishing for lack of knowledge, are presenting the earnest cry, "come over and help us," well qualified individuals are reluctantly detained at home for want of funds, printing presses in heathen lands are stopped in the publication of Christian knowledge, many efficient mission schools are closed, while all the horrors of heathenism and false religion exercise their despotic and fatal will.

As it concerns domestic missions, especially at the west, promising and extensive fields of Christian labor, which would, with Jehovah's blessing, on proper cultivation, soon

render an abundant harvest, are neglected. Error, scepticism and crime are fearfully progressing; the children of the church are hungering for spiritual food; and popery threatens to cast a spiritual blight over that fertile and interesting region. In view of these solemn and urgent considerations, your committee would recommend the adoption of the follow-

ing resolutions:

Resolved, That this Synod would earnestly recommend to the immediate attention, enlarged liberality, and fervent prayers of the churches, the cause of domestic and foreign missions.

Resolved, That with the view of more effectually sustaining and extending these important interests, this Synod would affectionately urge upon the churches under its care, to obtain annual subscriptions, and make annual collections on their behalf.

All which is respectfully submitted,

DAVID DYER, Chairman.

ARTICLE XIX.

INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XX.

DEPUTATI SYNODI.

The following were appointed, viz:

For the Classis of Albany.

PRIMARII.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Oscar H. Gregory,

Simon V. E. Westfall.

For the Classis of Schenectady.

Rev. Henry A. Raymond,

John B. Steele.

For the Classis of Schoharie.

Rev. Cornelius Bogardus,

William Lochead.

For the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. Abraham H. Myers,

David Dyer.

For the Classis of Rensselaer.

Rev. Richard Sluyter,

John Grey.

For the Classis of Ulster.

Rev. Cornelius L. Van Dyck,

Abraham Fort.

For the Classis of Washington.

Rev. Hugh M. Boyd,

D. A. Jones.

For the Classis of Cayuga.

Rev. Gustavus Abeel,

'Rev. James Abell.

For the Classis of Orange.

Rev. John H. Bevier,

John T. Demarest.

For the Classis of Greene.

Rev. Brogun Hoff,

William Cahoone.

The nndersigned, by request, was present as Dep. Syn. of the Classis of Orange, at the meeting of the Classis of Ulster, during which the candidates Anthony Elmendorf, John B. Alliger, and Martin L. Schenck, were examined for ordination. They were examined on all the subjects prescribed in the constitution previously to ordination, by ministers appointed for such service. The examination as a whole was fairly conducted, and the candidates on some branches exhibited uncommon proficiency.

JAMES B. TEN EYCK, Dep. Syn.

The undersigned, a deputatus of the Particular Synod, has attended the examination of the candidates Robert Pitts and Jacob Bookstaver, before the Classis of Orange, July 28th, 1840, for licensure; and of the licentiate Robert Pitts, before

the same Classis, April 21st, 1841, for ordination. That said examinations were conducted with fidelity in all branches, directed by the constitution, and were satisfactorily sustained.

DOUW VAN OLINDA, Dep. Syn.

The undersigned, deputatus synodi from the Classis of Schenectady, begs leave to report, that since the last annual meeting of your reverend body, he has been called to attend two examinations; one of Mr. Quick, in the Classis of Washington, and the other of the Rev. David Dyer, in the Classis of Montgomery; and that in both cases the examination was conducted according to the regulations of the Dutch church.

JACOB VAN VECHTEN, Dep. Syn.

Schenectady, May 5, 1841.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

The bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Bunschoten was read.
The bill of Mr. Marselus, the special messenger of the Synod to procure the attendance of elders, was received, amounting to \$5, and directed to be paid.

ARTICLE XXII.

QUESTORATE.

The Questor presented the following, which was received and referred to the committee on the Questorate.

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The Committee on the Questorate reported the following, which was adopted.

The Committee on the Questorate be leave to REPORT:

That they have examined the Questor's report, with the vouchers accompanying it, and find the same correct. The amount received during the past year is \$81.62. The expensional ditures amount to \$81.01, leaving a balance in the hands of the Questor of \$0.61.

The following Classes have paid nothing during the past year: Albany, Rensselaer, Ulster, Cayuga, Orange and Greene.

The committee would recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Questor be requested to inform the several Classes of their arrearages to Synod, and to request them to make arrangements for the payment of the same.

Resolved, That a committee of finance be added to the standing committees of this Synod, whose duty it shall be to audit the Questor's account, and rate or assess the amounts which the respective Classes should pay, to defray the annual expenses of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. VAN DYCK, Chairman.

ARTICLE XXIII.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

From the Classis of Albany.

PRIMARII.

Ministers. Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D.

" Staats Van Santvoord,

" John M. Van Buren,

Elders.

Richard V. De Witt, W. W. Groesbeck,

John J. Demarest.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Simon V. E. Westfall,

" Alanson B. Chittenden,

" Oscar H. Gregory,

Andrew Meneely, George A. Oliver, Nicholas Bogardus.

From the Classis of Scheneetady.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, D. D.

" William Pitcher,

' Andrew Yates, D. D.

Cornelius S. Groot,

Cornelius Fonda,

John Putman.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Henry A. Raymond,

" Wilson Ingalls,

" Abraham I. Swits,

Jacob J. Lansing,

George Meade,

John Devoe.

From the Classis of Rensselaer.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Andrew N. Kittle,

" Jasper Middlemas,

" Richard Sluyter,

Isaac Hutton,

Rynier Van Alstyne,

Jeremiah J. Best.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John C. Vandervoort,

" Peter S. Wynkoop,

" George H. Fisher,

Teunis Harder, William Ostrander,

Abraham V. V. Eltinge.

From the Classis of Washington.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. Birkly,

" John J. Quick,

" Joel Wood,

P. V. N. Morris,

J. Steward,

M. S Hartwell.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Hugh M. Boyd,

" D. A. Jones,

". John Henry Pitcher,

L. Veile,

L. S. Veile,

A. Knickerbacker.

From the Classis of Schoharic.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Samuel Robertson,

" Joshua Boyd,

William Lochead,

William Deitz,

John Jost Worth,

Harmanus Becker.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Cornelius Bogardus,

" Richard D. Van Kleeck,

" Hart E. Waring,

Frederick Bassler, jun.

Storm Becker,

John I. Devoe.

From the Classis of Montgomery.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. L. Stark,

" James Murphy,

" John P. Spinner,

Genison Giles,

Steuben Gelmer,

Frederick Bellenger.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Jacob D. Fonda,

" Abraham Myers,

" Benjamin B. Westfall,

William Knox, Peter Clock,

Chris. C. Bellenger.

From the Classis of Ulster.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Samuel Harlow,

" Douw Van OLinda,

" J. B. Alliger,

Elijah Alliger, Peter Eltinge,

W. H. Krom.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. Elmendorf,

" John Lillie,

" Cornelius L. Van Dyck,

Christopher Newkirk,

Peter G. Sharp,

Zerick Wynkoop.

From the Classis of Cayuga.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John C. F. Hoes,

"Thomas A. Ammerman,

" James Abell.

William A. Clark,

P. Conklin,

J. Cornue.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Benjamin Bassler.

" William Evans,

' Henry Mandeville,

D. H. Covert,

P. Collyer,

D. L. Relyea.

From the Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Ferdinand H. Vanderveer,

" John W. Ward,

' James B. Ten Eyck,

C. Winfield,

Thomas Clark,

S. De Witt.

SECUNDI.

Ray. Robert P. Lee.

John H. Bevier,

S. B. Ayers,

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R. Ostrander.

Jesse Schofield.

From the Classis of Greene.

PRIMARII.

w. James Romeyn,

Jeremiah Searle,

Brogun Hoff,

Peter T. Mesick,

Anthony Van Bergen,

Staats De Groot.

SECUNDI.

Rev. William Cahoone,

" William Knight,

" Thomas B. Gregory,

Henry Wolf,

Cornelius Rouse,

John Laraway.

ARTICLE XXIV.

STATED CLERK.

Resolved, That the present Stated Clerk be continued in

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to procure the printing of 200 copies of the minutes of the present session of this Synod.

ARTICLE XXV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the next stated meeting be held in the Reformed Dutch Church of West Troy, on the first Wednesday of May, 1842, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The doorkeeper's bill, amounting to \$2,121, was received and ordered to be paid.

The minutes were read and approved, and the meting adjourned with prayer by the President.

JACOB D. FONDA, President.

RICHARD D. VAN KLEECK, Adsessor.

A. B. CHITTENDEN, Clerks.

JOHN P. KNOX,

A true copy from the original minutes.

EDWIN HOLMES, Stated Clerk.

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MINUTES.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Particular Synod of Albany met in stated session in the lecture room of the Reformed Dutch Church of West Troy, on Wednesday, the 4th day of May, and, in the absence of the President, was opened with prayer by the Rev. Samuel Van Vechten. A sermon was preached in the evening, before the Synod, by the Rev. John Johnson, from Daniel vi., 13, 14.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

The following members presented their credentials and took their seats:

From the Classis of Albany.

MINISTERS.

Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D., Philip Phelps,

Rev. Gilbert McP. Myers. Abraham Weidman.

From the Classis of Schenectady.

Rev. Thomas Romeyn, Peter G. Vandenburgh.

Rev. William Pitcher.

From the Classis of Rensselaer.

Rev. Edwin Holmes,

Philip S. Harder,

Walter Butler.

Rev. Andrew N. Kittle.

From the Classis of Washington.

Rev. John Whitbeck,

Elbert J. Willet,

Rev. David A. Jones.

Henry Frazee.

From the Classis of Schoharie.

Rev. Samuel Robertson, Jacob Settle.

Rev. William Lochead.

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From the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. Samuel Van Vechten, John C. Serviss

Rev. Jedediah L. Starks.

From the Classis of Ulster.

Rev. Abraham Fort,

Rev. C. S. Van Santvoord.

From the Classis of Cayuga.

No Delegation.

From the Classis of Orange.

Rev. Cornelius C. Eltinge, Philip Swartwout. Rev. Robert Pitts.

From the Classis of Greene.

Rev. William Knight.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Rev. Samuel Van Vechten was chosen President; the Rev. Jedediah L. Starks, Adessor, and Rev. Messrs. John Whitbeck and G. McP. Myers, Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

The Rev. John Johnson appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. Andrew N. Kittle was appointed a delegate to attend the next stated meeting of said Synod.

ARTICLE V.

READING OF MINUTES.

The minutes of the last stated meeting were read.

ARTICLE VI.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE VII.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following standing committees were appointed, viz:

On Synodical Minutes—Rev. Messrs. D. A. Jones, A. Fort, and the elder Henry Frazee.

On Classical Minutes—Rev. Messrs. J. L. Starks, Wm. Pitcher, and the elder Jacob Settle.

On the Classical Report—Rev. Messrs. I. N. Wyckoff, D. D., J. Whitbeck, and the elder P. Phelps.

On the Questorate—Rev. Messrs. C. C. Eltinge, S. Romeyn, and the elder Elbert J. Willet.

ARTICLE VIII.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The committee on Synodical Minutes presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

The committee on Synodical Minutes beg leave to REPORT:

That they have examined the minutes, both of Particular and General Synods, and find on the minutes of Particular Synod the following recommendation in relation to the Questorate (vide p. 31st of the last year's minutes):

That on the minutes of General Synod they find a resolution respecting the history of the Dutch Church, the part of which that follows requires the particular notice of this Synod, viz:

"Resolved, 'That the ministers of our churches be requested to procure from the records, and other sources, such information as may be attainable, regarding the history of their respective churches, and transmit the same to the Rev. Thos. De Witt, D. D.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. JONES, Chairman,

The committee on Classical minutes presented the following report, which was adopted.

The committee on Classical minutes beg leave to REPORT:

That on the minutes of the Classis of Ulster, one matter requiring attention is, a notice of an appeal, from a decision of said C ssis, by Mr. Simeon D. Robison, a member of the church of Marbletown. See Article, Appeals.

On the minutes of the same Classis the committee also find a notice of a recommendation to General Synod of John W. Heermance, for aid from the funds of the church, in pursuing a course of study preparatory to the ministry.

They find also on the minutes of the Classis of Orange, an application for the same object, in behalf of Mr. Barnard S. Schoonover.

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. L. STARKS, Chairman.

The committee on the Synodical report, submitted the

following, which was accepted and adopted.

The committee appointed to prepare the report on the

The committee appointed to prepare the report on the state of the churches, beg leave to submit the following:

In the review of the reports of the Classis, your committee are happy to notice, that although no powerful and general outpouring of the Divine Spirit has fallen on any of the Classes, yet all have enjoyed "the dew of the Divine blessing." Vacancies have been happily filled; the destroyer has not been permitted to smite any of the armor bearers; encouraging accessions have been made to the churches in almost all the Classes; Sabbath Schools receive much attention every where; contributions for benevolent objects have been generally attended to; Catechetical and Biblical instruction is given in most of the churches; family visitation, generally performed; the constitutional questions satisfactorily answered; and all the duties substantially fulfilled, with perhaps a little deficiency in the matter of preaching from the Heidleburgh Catechism.

But, that the General Synod may obtain a more precise

view of the state of the Classes in the Synod of Albany, the following review of the Classes is offered:

Classis of Albany—This Classis has settled, within the year, the Rev. D. Kennedy, in the first church of Albany; Wm. H. Campbell, in the third; G. McP. Myers, in the church of Cohoes; J. A. H. Cornell, in Westerlo; J. Knieskern, in the second church of Berne; S. V. E. Westfall, in Union; and S. Van Santvoord, in Onisquethaw. The churches of West Troy, Union, and second church of Bern, have enjoyed more than a common measure of the influence of the Holy Spirit. The churches of Bethlehem and Jerusalem have sent up no statistical reports. Dr. J. Murphy has accepted a call at Baltimore and Copymans.

Classis of Montgomery—The state of religion in this Classis has been ordinary. The Rev. David Dyer has been settled as Pastor of the church of Fultonville; Samuel Van Vechten at Fort Plain; J. P. Pepper, at Warren; J. A. Ackerson, at Columbia; and E. O. Dunning, at Canajoharie. No statistics from Mohawk, Frankfort, Fort Plain, Canajoharie, Caughnawaga, Manheim, German Flats, Columbia, and Ephratah.

Classis of Schenectady—The report of this Classis states that the comparative number of souls gained from the world, in all the Classes, during the year, "cannot be viewed but with feelings of humiliation and sorrow," yet in one of the churches (Princetown) between thirty and forty have been hopefully converted. No statistics from Rotterdam or Princetown, both being vacant.

Classis of Cayuga—This Classis reports that "the Lord has not left the churches without some tokens for good." Yet, "no individual church appears to be specially visited," except the church of Ithaca, which records a special communication of grace, during the past winter. During the past year the Rev. Mr. Rand has been settled at Canastota; A. W. Sully, at Cicero; J. P. Knox, at Utica; and Wm. E. Turner, a licentiate, has been received from the

Classis of New Brunswick. No statistics were reported to Classis from the churches of Caroline, Jamesville, Lysander, and Buffalo.

Classis of Orange—The churches of this Classis have been in an ordinary state through the year, except the church of Shawangunk, which has enjoyed a special visitation of mercy. The candidate, J. Bookstarn, was installed during the year, over the church of Minisink; and the Rev. S. B. Ayres, over the church of Ellenville; also, the Rev. James Demorest has been settled over the church of Warwarsing. The following churches did not make a statistical report, viz: Minden, Walden, Bloomingburgh, Fallsburgh, Wurtsborough, and Warwarsing.

Classis of Washington—This Classis mourns over "much reason for humiliation on account of the too general neglect of Divine ordinances, the apparent worldly mindedness of some professors, and the comparative indifference to the claims of benevolence;" yet they rejoice "in an increase of hearers, greater attention to sacred prayer, and in the addition of many professors" to the churches. Every church has reported. Rev. C. Gates has been installed over the church of Wynantskill; and the candidate, John Whitbeck, over the church of Waterford.

Classis of Rensselaer—The State of the churches in this Classis is represented as very favorable. The churches of Kinderhook, Greenbush, Claverack, 2d church of Claverack, have enjoyed shares of Divine grace, and all the churches walk in the order of the gospel. The following Churches failed to send up their statistical accounts to Classis: Bloomingrove, Greenbush, Ghent, and Hillsdale. The Rev. E. Holmes has been installed over the church at Nassau, and the Rev. Dr. Gosman has accepted a call at Hudson.

Classis of Ulster—After speaking of encouraging attention to Catechetical and Biblical instruction, and that benevolent associations are formed in all the churches, and the interests of religion are attended to, concludes with this declaration: "While there are causes of joy, and hopeful expectation, there is certainly a great deal of formality, lukewarmness, and omission of duty to be deplored within our bounds." There are no statistics from Bloomingdale, Clove, Dashville Falls, New Paltz, and Ashoken. Rev. C. Wyckoff has been settled, during the year, at Rochester; D. D. Demarest, Flatbush; and J. H. Van Waganen, at Kingston.

Classis of Schoharie—The report states that the report comes up from almost all the churches, "Religion is in a very low state." But, though we have much to mourn over, we have reason to bless God that he has not wholly forsaken us. "There are some hopeful conversions, peace has pervaded our borders, and the state of morals is improving." Rev. A. B. Chittenden has been installed over the church of Sharon. The statistics of Conesville and Schoharie Mountain are almost entirely defective.

All the stated clerks have sent a duplicate report for the use of the Synod, except the clerk of the Classis of Cayuga.

On the whole, the committee would remark that there are thirty-four or more churches which have neglected to send up their statistics; that this is a crying evil, particularly those churches which have pastors, and that it be recommended to the stated clerk of this body to communicate with the said churches, through the Christian Intelligencer, requesting them to send their statistics without delay.

All which is respectfully submitted,

1. N. WYCKOFF, Chairman.

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CLASSIS OF GREENE.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA. No Report.

ARTICLE IX.

REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

APPEALS.

The committee having reported that the case of Mr. Simeon D. Robison has come regularly before them, Synod took up his appeal from a decision of the Classis of Ulster, confirming the act of the church of Marbletown, which suspended him from the communion for his marriage with his deceased wife's sister.

- 1. The sentence appealed from was read.
- 2. The appeal, and reasons of appeal, were read.
- 3. All the documents in the case were read.
- 4. The appellant was heard in support of his appeal, by his counsel, the Rev. Dr. Wyckoff.
- 5. The Classis was heard by their Commissioner, the Rev. A. Fort; and the Consistory of Marbletown, by the Rev. C. L. Van Dyck.
 - 6. The appellant was heard in reply.

The parties in the case having withdrawn, the Synod proceeded to deliberate and decide.

The following motion was made and seconded:

Resolved, That the appeal be sustained.

The question on this motion, being taken, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Robison gave notice of his intention to appeal from the above decision, to the next General Synod.

The Rev. A. N. Kittle was appointed a Commission to defend the above decision before the General Synod.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS,
Nothing occurred,

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.
schools and christian education.
Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CHURCH VISITATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.
INJUNCTIONS.
Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XX.

DEPUTATI SYNODI.

The Following were appointed, viz:

From the Classis of Albany.

PRIMARII.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Simon V. E. Westfall. Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D.

From the Classis of Schenectady.

Rev. John B. Steele.

Rev. Thomas Romeyn.

From the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. David Dyer.

Rev. Jedediah L. Starks.

From the Classis of Schoharie.

Rev. Wm. Lochead.

Rev. Saml. Robertson.

From the Chassis of Rensselaer.

Rev. John Grey.

Rev. Andrew N. Kittle.

From the Classis of Ulster.

Rev. Abraham Fort.

Rev. Wm. Brush.

From the Classis of Washington,

Rev. David A. Jones.

Rev. John H. Pitcher.

From the Classis of Cayuga.

Rev. Jas. Abell.

Rev. John A. Liddle.

From the Classis of Orange.

Rev. John T. Demarest.

Rev. C. C. Eltinge.

From the Classis of Greene.

Rev. Wm. Cahoone.

Rev. Wm. Knight.

The following reports were received from the Deputati Synodi:

The undersigned, Deputatus Synodi for the Classis of Montgomery, would respectfully report, that since the last

meeting of your reverend body he has attended three exas minations, viz: On the 1st of September he attended the examination of Mr. Wm. W. Rand, a licentiate of the Waldo Congregational Association, before the Classis of Cayuga; and on the 16th March, before the same Classis, he attended an examination of the licentiate, Mr. Wm. E. Tur-The examination, in both cases, was conducted with fidelity, in all branches directed by the Constitution, and satisfactorily sustained. Mr. Rand was ordained and installed over the church at Canastota; and Mr. Turner over the church at Arcadia. On the 26th of October, the undersigned attended the examination of Mr. Henry Callahan, a licentiate of the Andover Association, before the Glassis of Schenectady. The examination was very faithfully conducted, according to the requirements of the Constitution, but the candidate did not give satisfaction to the Classis, and his examination was not sustained.

ABM. H. MYERS, Dep. Syn.

St. Johnsville, May 3d, 1842.

The subscriber, one of the Deputati of the Synod, presents the following reports. He attended a meeting of the Classis of Schoharie, and superintended an examination for licensure. He was present at a meeting of Classis, on the fourth week of July, 1841, at the church of Bern. Mr. Knieskern, one of the students of our Theological Seminary, applied for examination, and presented all the certificates which are required by the rules of the church, and was examined faithfully and extensively in every branch prescribed in the Constitution, in relation to the licensure of candidates. His examination was unanimously sustained, and, upon signing the required formula, he was licensed to preach the everlasting gospel, and was solemnly and appropriately addressed by the president of Classis, in view of his going forth as a candidate to the churches, to preach. the gospel of the grace of God. And the Deputatus was highly pleased with the order and faithfulness, and unanimity of the Classis, manifested on the occasion.

adly. The Deputatus was regularly notified to attend a meeting of the Classis of Montgomery, to superintend the examination of an ordained minister. He was present at a meeting of said Classis, at Canajoharie, on the 19th of April, 1842. The Rev. Mr. Dunning, a minister of the Oneida Association, made application to be received into the Classis. Mr. Dunning presented all the credentials required by the rules of the church, with the exception of certificates showing the amount of time he had spent in theological studies. The Classis in this matter acted upon a verbal declaration of the Rev. Mr. Dunning, that he had pursued a regular course of theology, for three years, in Yale College. The examination was conducted faithfully and affectionately, and very extensively, through the whole system of theology, church government and discipline, together with his piety and ability to teach. The examination was sustained, and, upon subscribing the formula, he was received as a member of the Classis.

JOHN B. STEELE, Dep. Syn. Guilderland, May 2d, 1842.

The undersigned, having, by request, attended three several meetings of the Classis of Orange, during the year, at which the students, A. C. Millspaugh and F. S. Drake, were examined for licensure; and the candidates, J. Bookstaver and I. G. Duryea, were examined for ordination; respectfully reports to the Synod that the examinations were all conducted with fidelity and propriety, and according to the requirements of the Constitution.

C. L. VAN DYCK, Dep. Syn.

Marbletown, April 27th, 1842.

The undersigned, by request, attended a special meeting of the Classis of Albany, held at Cohoesville, on Tusday, Nov. 23, 1841, as Dep. Syn., to witness the examination of the candidates, Gilbert McP. Myers and Jas. A. H. Cornell, and reports that said examinations were conducted according to the regulations of the Dutch church, and were very creditably sustained. At the same meeting, the Rev. Duncan Kennedy was admitted a member of the said Classis, in the way prescribed by the Constitution and rules of our church.

DAVID A. JONES, Dep. Syn.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

The Van Bunschoten Bequest was read.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod feel called upon to express their fervent gratitude to the Lord for the efforts which have been made, and the extensive temporal and spiritual blessings which have resulted to our country and the church, from the temperance cause, and do earnestly recommend it to the prayerful and zealous co-operation of our respective congregations.

Also, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be presented to the Rev. John Johnson, corresponding delegate from the Particular Synod of New York, for his excellent sermon, delivered in the absence of the President and Adessor, on the invitation of this Synod.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be presented to the congregation of West Troy, for their kind and hespitable entertainment of its members during its sessions.

ARTICLE XXII.

QUESTORATE.

The Questorate presented the following account of the finances, which was referred to the committee on the Questorate:

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The committee on the Qustorote presented the following report, which was adopted :

That they have not had access to the Questor's book of accounts, but have examined a paper and vouchers of the Questor, and find the same correct. That there remained in the hands of the Questor, May 2d, 1842, \$23 22.

Also, That from the following Classes there was due the sum of \$408. See Questor's report.

Resolved, That the Questor be enquired of whether he has called on the Questors of the several Classes, to pay in the dues from them to this Synod.

Resolved, That if not, he be, and hereby is, requested a make the aforesaid call, as soon as may be.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. ELTINGE, Chairman.

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ARTICLE XXIII.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

From the Classis of Albany.

PRIMARII.

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Rev. Wm. H. Campbell, Wm. C. Miller,
"Oscar H. Gregory, Martin Whitbeck."

J. A. H. Cornell. Charles Hyndman.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Duncan Kennedy, Charles D. Townsend,

" Simon V. E. Westfall, Garret A. Oliver,

" Joseph Knieskern. Wm. N. Sill.

From the Classis of Schenectady.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Asahel Bronson, Theodore W. Sanders,

John A. Yates, D. B. E. O. Van Woert,

" John B. Steele. J. D. Ogsburg.

SECUNDI.

Rev. W. Ingalls, Abraham Truax,

" Andrew Yates, D. D., A. Van Santvoord,

" Thos. Romeyn. Abm. Veeder.

From the Classis of Washington.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Benjamin Van Zandt, Wm. Turk,

" John H. Pitcher, J. Westfall,

Cornelius Gates. B. C. Schermerhorn.

SECUNDI.

Ray. David A. Jones, J. Olmsted,
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" Hugh M. Boyd. S. Lewis.

From the Classis of Schoharit.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Cornelius Bogardus, Peter Ball,

Alanson B. Chittenden, Wm. Beekman,

" Richard D. Van Kleeck. Barent Stryker.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Samuel Robertson, Johan Jost A. Deitz,

Wm. Lochead, David Warner,

Hart E. Waring. Peter H. Richtmyer.

From the Classis of Rensselaer.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John Gray, Robert Johnson,

Edward P. Stimpson, G. M. Herrick,

" John Gosman, D. D. Abm. V. V. Eltinge.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Andrew N. Kittle, Isaac Hutton,

Jasper Middlemas, Evert Van Alen,

" Rich'd Sluyter. Jacob Whitbeck.

From the Classis of Montgomery.

PRIMARII.

Rev. David Dyer, James W. Hamilton,

" Benj. B. Westfall, Thomas Schuyler,

' Jas. Murphy, D. D. Wm. A. Smith.

SECUNDI.

Rev. James Stevenson. Jacob A. Crim.

Abm. H. Myers, G. A. Dockstader,

John P. Pepper. Jonas Snell.

From the Classis of Ulster.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Anthony Elmendorf, Christopher Newkirk,

" Henry: Ostrander, Severyn Bruyn,

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Rev. Wm. Brush,

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John N. Lefevre,

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From the Classis of Cayuga.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Wm. Gray, J. C. Towsen,
"Benj. Bassler, Isaac Covert,
"Wm. Evans. Abm. B. Pugsley.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John A. Liddle, Lewis I. Hasbrouck,

" John P. Knox, Chas C. Brodhead,

" Gustavus Abeel. Peter Colyer.

From the Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Samuel B. Ayres, Charles Buchanan,
" Wm. Demarest, Wm. Houston,
" John H. Bevier. Reuben Ostrander.

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Rev. Robert Pitts,

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Rev. Wm. Cahoone, Henry Wolf,

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" John Watson. John Laraway.

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Rev. Jas. Romeyn, P. S. Mesick,

" Jeremiah Searle. Anthony Van Bergen,
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ARTICLE XXIV.

STATED CLERK.

Resolved, That the present Stated Clerk be continued.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to procure the printing of two hundred copies of the minutes of the present session, to be distributed among the several Classes,

ARTICLE XXV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That when this Synod adjourn, it adjourn to meet in the lecture room of the 2d Dutch church of the city of Albany, on the first Wednesday of May, 1843, at 10 o'clock A. M.

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The Doorkeeper's bill, amounting to \$1.25, was received and ordered to be paid.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Synod adjourned with prayer, by the President.

SAMUEL VAN VECHTEN, President.

J. L. STARKS, Adessor.

JOHN WHITBECK, Clerks. G. McP. Myers,

A true copy from the original minutes.

EDWIN HOLMES, Stated Clerk.

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MINUTES

OF THE

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ALBANY,

CONVENED IN THE CITY OF ALBANY,

MAY 3, 1843.

ALBANY:
PRINTED BY JOEL MUNSELL, No. 58 STATE STREET.
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MINUTES.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Particular Synod of Albany met at the lecture room of the Second Dutch Church, in the city of Albany, on Wednesday the 3d day of May, 1843, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Samuel Van Vechten, President of the last Particular Synod, who preached a sermon in the evening of the first day of the session, from 1 Cor. iii. 6.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

The following persons presented proper credentials and took their seats as members of Synod:

From the Classis of Albany.

MINISTERS.

ELDERS.

Rev.

David Burhans.

From the Classis of Schenectady.

Rev.

John Clute.

From the Classis of Rensselaer.

Rev. John Gosman, D. D., Jonathan Stowe, Jasper Middlemas. Evart Van Alen.

From the Classis of Washington.

Rev. Jacob A. Lansing.

From the Classis of Schoharie.

Rev. Rich'd D. Van Kleeck. Christian P. Zeh.

From the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. Samuel Van Vechten, E. O. Dunning.

From the Classis of Ulster.

Rev. John H. Vanwagonen, Peter J. Dubois,
David D. Demarest. Tjirick Hendricks.

From the Classis of Cayuga.

No Delegation.

From the Classis of Orange.

Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, Jacob Bookstaver.

From the Classis of Greene.

Rev. John Watson, E. De Puy.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Rev. John Gosman, D. D., was chosen President; the Rev. John H. Van Wagonen, Adsessor; and the Rev. Messrs. E. De Puy and A. B. Van Zandt, Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

DELEGATES FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

Rev. R. Ormiston Currie appeared and took his seat.

Rev. John H. Van Wilgonen was appointed a Delegate to attend the next stated meeting of the Particular Synod of New York.

ARTICLE V.

READING OF MINUTES.

The minutes of the last stated meeting were read.

ARTICLE VI.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE VII.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following standing committees were appointed:

On Synodical Minutes—Rev. Messrs. Richard D. Van Kleeck, David D. Demarest, and the Elder John Clute.

On Classical Minutes—Rev. Messrs. Samuel Van Vechten, Jasper Middlemas, and the Elder Evert Van Alen.

On the Classical Report—Rev. Messrs. John H. Van Wagonen, Jacob A. Lansing, and the Elder Peter J. Dubois.

On the Questorate.—Rev. Messrs. John Watson, Jacob Bookstaver, and the Elder Jonathan Stowe.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee on overtures and judicial business be appointed, to be added to the other standing committees.

Rev. Messrs. Richard D. Van Kleeck, A. B. Van Zandt, and the Elder David Burhans were appointed.

ARTICLE VIII.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The committee on Classical Minutes presented the following report, which was adopted.

The committee on Classical Minutes report as follows:

The Classis of Cayuga have not recorded the minutes of the last meeting, but a certified copy a part of the same, including an imperfect list of nominations to General Synod, has been examined by your committee. Also, on the same minutes is found a recommendation of Mr. Watts Galusha, a member of the church of Lodi, for aid from the education funds.

On the minutes of the Classis of Schoharie, on pages 311 to 319, Mr. Lawrence Mercerau, jr., a licentiate of the Presbytery of Tioga, having received a call from the church of Middleburgh, and desirous of being ordained and installed the

pastor of said church, is referred to General Synod for a dispensation. On the minutes of the same Classis, a reference of the case of the Rev. Jacob A. H. Hasbrouck. Your committee recommend that the facts in this case be sent up by the Classis to General Synod, with the request that some general enactment may be passed, to regulate and enforce discipline in similar cases.

On the minutes of the Classis of Rensselaer, Mr. Willard E. Geer, a member of the church at Nassau, who feels himself called upon to engage in studies preparatory to the gospel ministry, is recommended to the General Synod as a proper subject for aid from the funds of the church.

The committee regret to state that some of the minutes, so far as penmanship is concerned, are quite defective, and especially the minutes of the Classis of Greene, which minutes of the last two or three meetings are not signed by the proper officers.

All which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL VAN VECHTEN, Chairman.

The committee on Synodical Minutes reported the following, which was adopted, viz:

The committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully report that in the minutes of the Particular and General Synods of 1842, they find nothing claiming the attention of the Synod. In the minutes of the Particular Synod of 1841—Article, Questorate—is the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee of Finance be added to the standing Committees of this Synod, whose duty it shall be to audit the Questor's accounts, and rate and assess the amounts which the respective Classes should pay to defray the annual expenses of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

RICH'D D. VAN KLEECK, Chairman.

The committee on the Synodical report presented the following, which was accepted and adopted:

The committee on the state of religion would report that the accounts received from the different Classes are generally of a very cheering character, shewing evidently that the churches within our bounds have shared largely in the general outpouring of the Holy Spirit with which our land is favored. The past has been emphatically a "year of the right hand of the Most High." Revivals of religion have been multiplied, and in not a few of our churches they are still in progress. The accessions in many of our churches have been large, and the aggregate, throughout the bounds of the Synod, far surpasses that of many former years. More than fourteen hundred souls have been received to the communion of the church during the past year, on confession of their faith. Last year the aggregate of accessions was less than six hundred. Without multiplying further preliminary remarks, the committee would proceed to notice more particularly the reports of the different Classes.

The Classis of Albany reports that it has been a year of great mercy to the Classis. God has spared the lives of the ministers, destitute churches have received pastors, and the cause of religion has rapidly progressed. Many churches have been highly favored of the Lord, by the outpouring of his spirit. Among these may be mentioned all our churches in the city of Albany, and the churches of Cohoes, West Troy, and Union. In all these churches the work of God's grace has been characterized by a noiseless but powerful operation of the Holy Spirit, inclining the soul to submission and obedience. "We would say, with humility and thanksgiving, The Lord hath done great things for us."

Numerous and flourishing prayer meetings are reported in all the churches that have presented written reports. Most of the churches have flourishing Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes. Preaching on the Heidelburgh Catechism has been attended to according to the Constitution—and collections have been made in the different churches for domestic and foreign missions, widow's fund, education, seamen's cause,

also, for Bible, Tract, and other charities. The following changes have taken place. The candidate, Ralph Willis, has been received, and ordained and installed over the church of Bethlehem. The Rev. J. Murphy was received from the Classis of Montgomery, and installed over the church of Coeymans and New Baltimore, and again dismissed to the Classis from which he was received.

The classis of Schenectady report, that while for some years previous to this we have had occasion to mourn over the desolations of Zion, with here and there a happy exception, we have now reason to rejoice in view of the general prosperity of the churches within our bounds. Though all the churches have shared, in some degree, in the blessing, yet some of them have received a richer portion from the hand of their sovereign Lord. Of these, Niskayuna, Schenectady, 2d church of Rotterdam, and Princetown, deserve to be specially mentioned. In these churches it is believed that not less than three hundred souls have, in the judgment of charity, been made the subjects of converting grace, and in most of these churches the work is still in progress. "We believe we have been reaping the fruits of our past labors in the ministry, the Bible Classes, and Sabbath Schools, all of which are still employed and sustained in our churches." The following changes have occurred during the past year, viz: Rev. Wm. P. Davis has been installed over the church of Princetown, Rev. A. B. Crocker has been installed over the 2d church of Glenville, Rev. John N. Van Der Volgen, an ordained minister of Chester Association of Vermont, has been received a member of this Classis, Rev. A. Bronson has been dismissed to the Presbytery of Champlain, Jacob A. Lansing has been licensed and dismissed to the Classis of Washington.

In the Classis of Rensselaer the churches generally are in a prosperous state, and special blessings have been enjoyed in the churches of Nassau, Kinderhook, Hudson, and Mellenville. The following changes have taken place during the year: Rev. J. C. Vandervoort has been dismissed from Kinder-

hook and installed at Mellenville, Rev. B. Van Zandt has been received from the Classis of Washington and installed over the church of Kinderhook; a new church has been organized at Chatham Four Corners, and the candidate, E. Porter, ordained as their pastor; and the candidate, J. S. Himrod, ordained pastor of the church of Hillsdale, in connection with a Presbyterian society.

The Classis of Schoharie reports that no changes have taken place in the ministry of that Classis, except that the church of Middleburgh has enjoyed, by permission of Classis, the services of Mr. Lawrence Mercerau, jr., a licentiate of the Presbytery of Tioga. It appears that the Lord in great mercy has visited several of the churches with an outpouring of his Holy Spirit, especially Middleburgh and Sharon. "Notwithstanding these favorable features in the state of our churches there is still much to lament. The cause of benevolence is lamentably neglected. The professed people of God seem to be overlooking the fact that they are not their own, and that they, and all they have and are, belong to the Lord. Hence the collections taken up in any of our churches in favor of foreign and domestic Missions, Tract or Bible Societies, are but trifling. The cause of temperance has made considerable progress.

The report of the Classis of Montgomery is highly encouraging, and full of hope for the future. They express, as the ground of their hope and expectation, that the cause of temperance has taken hold upon the minds of the community with its healing, with great power. Efforts for Sabbath School instruction are increased, and with the prospect of great and lasting good. The spirit of Christian benevolence and liberality manifests itself in the cause of Bible, Missionary, and other kindred societies. But the chief ground of expectation is that the tone of piety and course of religious action have been raised, and, as the result, great blessings have been granted to many of our churches. God has shown himself ready to work together with his people, and faithful

to perform his promise that he will be with his people to the end of the world. While almost all the churches have been favored with indications of mercy from on high, some have been more especially and extensively favored. Of these may be mentioned the churches of St. Johnsville, Fort Plain, Canajoharie, Bowman's Creek, Stone Arabia, and especially the church of Herkimer. In this congregation it is hoped that at least three hundred souls have passed from death unto life. The following changes have occurred: Rev. J. Murphy, D. D., has been dismissed from Herkimer to the Classis of Albany and received back again to his former charge; Rev. J. L. Starks has been dismissed from the church of Bowman's Creek.

The Classis of Ulster express their gratitude to the Head of the Church for the manifest tokens of his presence, and the favor with which he has condescended to honor and bless the ministration of his truth. Some of the churches report little of special interest to distinguish them from former years, but rejoice in a state of peace and harmony, in a uniform good attendance on the preaching of the word, and in an increase of the number of God's professing people. Others have been favored with special outpourings of the Holy Spirit, viz: Kingston, Esopus, and Bloomingdale. In each of these churches the accessions have been large. In the first mentioned church the good work commenced with the winter and continued to the present time. Though the means of grace have been multiplied, and efforts encouraged more than usual, no new measures or expedients have been resorted to, and the Classis notice with approbation that hasty and indiscriminate admissions to the church have been guarded against, and that previous to admission the hopeful converts attended a course of lectures on the compendium of the Christian religion, which they were required to commit to memory. The following changes have taken place: Rev. Wm. T. Van Doren has been received from the Classis of New York and installed over the church of Woodstock, Rev. A. Elmendorf has been dismissed from the church of Hurley and recommended to the Classis of New Brunswick.

The Classis of Orange acknowledge with gratitude that the cause of Christ has been, on the whole, advancing. In none of our churches have we been left without the witness of the Spirit. Some have enjoyed, during the past year, seasons of peculiar interest. Sinners have been made willing in the day of God's power. Dissensions have been healed. feeble churches have been built up, the broken down walls of Zion have been repaired and waste places rendered fruitful, and the good work still continues. This is the case of the church of Warwarsing. Ellenville has shared in the blessing. New Prospect has had greater additions than for many years past. Walden has been visited; and Montgomery and Walpack by their accessions show the presence of the Spirit. Sabbath School instruction is attended to, and they notice with gratification the fact that a number of Sabbath School teachers have professed Christ. Bible and Catechetical instruction has not been neglected. The Rev. Charles Whitehead has been received from the Presbytery of North River, and installed over the church of Walden; from the same Presbytery, Rev. A. B. Van Zandt has been received and installed over the church of Newburgh; the candidate, F. T. Drake, has been ordained and installed over the church of Wurtsborough; the candidate, J. G. Duryea, has been ordained and installed over the church of Fallsburgh; Rev. F. H. Vanderveer has been dismissed to the Classis of Paramas; Rev. J. M. Scribner has been dismissed to the Classis of Cavuga, and A. B. Winfield has been licensed and dismissed to the Presbytery of Susquehannah; the Rev. A. Eggleston has been dismissed to the Classis of Montgomery.

The Classis of Greene are gratified to be able to state that a greater interest has been manifested in most of the churches than for several years previous, especially in the churches of Leeds and the 2d church of Coxsackie. The Rev. D. Murdock has been installed over the church of Catskill. The Rev. J. Romeyn has supplied the church of Leeds.

The book of the Classis of Washington not being present-

ed there is nothing to notice but a report from the consistory of the church of Waterford, made to the Classis and put into the hands of your committee, which shows that that church has shared in the revival of religion with which that place has been so signally visited. Rev. B. Van Zandt has been dismissed from Union Village to the Classis of Rensselaer, and the candidate, J. A. Lansing, has been received from the Classis of Schenectady and ordained and installed over the church of Wynantskill.

On the book of the Classis of Cayuga we find nothing but a copy of their Statistical Table, which, however, shows no extraordinary additions to any of their churches.

In conclusion the committee remark that we, as a Synod, have abundant reason to thank God and take courage. Let us be stimulated to greater faithfulness and zeal in the great cause, relying on the promised presence and aid of our great Master. Why should the work cease? We have had enough to encourage us and strengthen our faith that God is willing to hear prayer and ready to bless effort. Let us, then, gird ourselves anew for the conflict with all that opposes the kingdom of Christ and the salvation of souls, assured that in due time we shall reap, aye, more abundantly, if we faint not. The Lord of the harvest grant us, if spared another year, to tell of more abundant harvests gathered in, more signal victories achieved, and greater honor acquired to His great cause, to whom must ever belong all the glory and the praise.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. VAN WAGONEN, Chairman.

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ARTICLE IX.

REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

APPRALS.

The committee on overtures and judicial business having reported that the appeal of Mrs. Harriet Best, from a decision of the Classis of Schenectady, which appeal bears date Aug. 10th, 1843, has come regularly before the Synod, such appeal was taken up in the following order:

- 1. The sentence appealed from was read.
- 2. The appeal and reasons thereof were read.
- 3. All the documents were read.
- 4. The appellant submitted her case without argument.
- 5. The commissions in behalf of Classis were not present, and therefore Classis was not heard.

The parties withdrew and the Synod proceeded to deliberate.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the appeal of Mrs. Best be sustained.

The following are the ayes and nays, which were called for, viz:

Ayes—D. Burhans, J. Middlemas, J. Stowe, E. Van Alen, R. D. Van Kleeck, C. P. Zeh, J. H. Van Wagenen, D. D. Demarest, P. J. Dubois, J. Hendricks, J. Bookstaver, J. Watson.

Nays—J. A. Lansing, S. Van Vechten, A. B. Van Zandt, E. De Puv.

A second appeal of Mrs. Harriet Best, Dated Oct. 13th, 1842, from a decision of the same Classis, was reported by the appropriate committee to be in order. The appeal was, therefore, taken up in the following order:

- 1. The sentence appealed from was read.
- 2. The appeal and reasons were read.

- 3. All the documents in the case were read.
- 4. The appellant was heard in support of her appeal by the Rev. John H. Van Wagenen.
- 5. The Classis of Schenectady was heard by their delegates in reply.

The parties having withdrawn, the following resolution was proposed and adopted:

Resolved, That the appeal of Mrs. Best be not sustained.

Mrs. Best gave notice of her intention to appeal from this decision to the next General Synod.

The Rev. R. D. Van Kleeck and Rev. J. A. Lansing were appointed commissioners to defend this body before the General Synod.

ARTICLE XL

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occured.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIL

CHURCH VISITATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

INJUNCTIONS.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it be enjoined upon the several Classes to comply, strictly and literally, with the requirements of the Constitution, with regard to recording the answers to the constitutional questions.

ARTICLE XX.

EEPUTATI SYNODI.

The following were appointed, viz:

For the Classis of Albany.

PRIMARII.

SECUNDI.

Rev. I. N. Wyckoff, D. D.

Rev. O. H. Gregory.

For the Classis of Schenectady.

Rev. A. Yates, D. D.,

Rev. H. A. Raymond.

For the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. J. L. Starks.

Rev. E. O. Dunning.

For the Classis of Schoharie.

Rev. Hart E. Waring.

Rev. S. Robertson.

For the Classis of Rensselaer.

Rev. A. N. Kittle.

Rev. J. Gosman, D. D.

For the Classis of Ulster.

Rev. Wm. Brush.

Rev. J. H. Van Wagenen.

For the Classis of Washington.

Rev. J. H. Pitcher.

Rev. J. Whitbeck.

For the Classis of Cayuga.

Rev. J. A. Liddell.

Rev. Wm. Grey.

For the Classis of Orange.

Rev. C. C. Eltinge.

Rev. J. H. Bevier.

For the Classis of Greene.

Rev. Wm. Knight.

Rev. J. Searle.

The following reports were received from the Deputati Synodi:

The undersigned Deputatus from the Classis of Ulster begs leave to report, that since the last annual meeting of your reverend body, he has attended three examinations. The first at Wurtsborough, on the 12th of July, 1842, at the examination of Francis T. Drake. The second at Montgomery, at the examination of Aaron B. Winfield, and in both cases the examinations were conducted with due strictness, and according to the regulations of the Dutch Church, affording to your Deputatus entire satisfaction. The third at Newburgh, at the examination of the Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, from the Presbytery of North River, which was conducted according to the injunctions of the Synod in such cases.

ABRAHAM FORT, Dep. Syn.

To the Rev. Particular Synod of Albany:

The undersigned would respectfully report, that he attended, on due notice, a meeting of the Rev. Classis of Schenectady, on the 3d of August, as Deputatus Synodi, for the examination of Jacob A. Lansing, a student from the seminary at New Brunswick, for licensure; that the examination was faithfully conducted and very satisfactorily sustained in all its parts. That on the 8th of Sept. he also attended on the same body, in the same capacity, for the examination of

Sahel P. Crocker, a licentiste of the Troy, old school, Presytery, for ordination and installation, into the charge of the
Church of Scotia. This examination was conducted with
fidelity and sustained well in all its parts, except in the department of languages, in which Mr. Crocker was informed
that he need not be particularly prepared for this occasion.
Also, that at the same meeting Mr. John Vandervolgen, an
ordained minister, from the Chester Association, state of Vermont, presented himself for examination and reception into
the body. Mr. Vandervolgen's papers were such as to come
within the spirit of the Synodical rules. He gave satisfactory evidence of knowledge and orthodoxy, and was deemed
by the classis and your Deputatus worthy of reception.

Respectfully, your Deputatus,

L N. WYCKOFF.

SCHENECTADY, Sept. 7th, 1842.

To the Rev. Particular Synod of Albany:

The undersigned reports, that he attended as Deputatus a meeting of the Rev. Classis of Washington, at Scaghticoke, on the 17th of August, convened for the examination of the student, John Dubois. The proper credentials were exhibited and the examination faithfully conducted. The student was well prepared in all the parts prescribed, except the sacred languages and criticism, on which more accuracy and promptness were desirable.

I. N. WYCKOFF, Dep. Syn.

ALBANY, Sept. 9th, 1842.

To the Particular Synod of Albany:

The undersigned would further report, that on —— he attended, as your Deputatus, the examination of the candidates, Elbert Porter and John S. Himrod, at Chatham Four Corners. The former to be ordained as a missionary at the aforesaid place, the latter to be settled at the church at Hillsdale. The proper credentials were presented, and the examination pursued to the satisfaction of your Deputatus. The

young brethren shewed themselves well qualified in all the branches of preparatory learning, to enter upon their pastoral duties.

I. N. WYCKOFF, Dep. Synodi.

To the Rev. Particular Synod to be convened in 1843:

The undersigned also attended the final examination of the candidate, Jacob A. Lansing, for ordination, at Wynantskill, where the candidate acquitted himself in the same satisfactory manner as at Princetown.

I. N. WYCKOFF, Dep. Synodi.

ARTICLE XXL

PARTICULARIA.

.The bequest of Rev. Elias Van Bunschoten was read.

The Synod spent a portion of the morning of the second day of the session, in devotional exercises.

ARTICLE XXII.

QUESTORATE.

The Questor presented the following, which was referred to the committee on the Questorate.

The Particular Synod of Albany in account with William C. Miller, Questor.

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May 9.	To cash paid Rev. E. Holmes, salary,	\$30	00
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" 21.	"	"	Albany,	6	00
May 3.	"	"	Schoharie,	10	00
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Amounts due from the following Classes:

From the	Classis	of Rensselaer,	\$100	00
"	"	Washington,	20	00
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66	"	Cayuga,	70	00
"	"	Greene,	84	00
			\$ 439	00

ALBANY, May 3d, 1843.

The committee on the Questorate presented the following report, which was adopted:

The committee on the Questorate report, that they have examined the account of the Questor, together with the vouchers, and have found them to be correct.

The amount received during the past year was \$94 22. The expenditures amount to \$84 62, leaving a balance in the hands of the Questor of \$9 60.

An application was made to the Synod, by the Classis of Cayuga, desiring a reduction of the debt which they owe to Synot. A similar application was also made by the Classis

of Schoharie. Your committee are of opinion that these applications should not be granted, inasmuch as like applications might be made by other Classis with as much propriety. Besides, the state of the treasury does not warrant such reduction.

The following Classes during the past year have paid in nothing: Rensselaer, Washington, Ulster, Cayuga, and The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Questor be requested to call upon those . Classes, as soon as possible, who have not paid.

The committee further report that in accordance with the rule adopted in 1841, in relation to an assessment of the several Classes, they recommend that each Classis be called upon for the payment of \$10, to meet the expenses of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN WATSON, Chairman.

The Synod adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That those Classes that will pay one-half the amount due from them to this Synod, within one year, shall be entitled to receive from the Questor a receipt in full.

ARTICLE XXIII.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed.

From the Classis of Albany.

MINISTERS.

ELDERS.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Duncan Kennedy, Simeon V. E. Westfall, John Q. Wilson, Andrew Meneely,

G. McP. Myers.

Rich'd V. DeWitt.

SECUNDI.

Rev. I. N. Wyckoff, D. D., Ralph Willis,

Philip Phelps, Wm. N. Sill,

Joseph Knieskern.

Chas. D. Townsend.

From the Classis of Schenectady.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John A. Yates, D. D.,

Abm. I. Swits,

Wm. Pitcher.

J. S Lansing, Cor. Viele,

Peter D. Van Vranken.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Henry A. Raymond, Jacob Van Vechten, p. p.,

Thos. Romeyn.

Alexander Doren, Aaron Putman, Peter Shaver.

From the Classis of Washington.

PRIMARII.

Rev. David A. Jones,

John Whitbeck, Jacob A. Lansing. Henry Frazee, Wm. Turk,

J. Olmsted.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Hugh M. Boyd,

John H. Pitcher,

S. Lewis, J. Westfall,

J. I. Quick.

B. C. Schermerhorn.

From the Classis of Schoharie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Wm. Lochead,

Alanson B. Chittenden, Rich'd D. Van Kleeck.

Storm S. Becker, Wm. Beekman, Jacob Settle.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Samuel Robertson,

James Van Gaasbeck, David Becker.

Cor. Bogardus, Hart E. Waring.

Jacob Salisbury.

From the Classis of Rensselaer.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Andrew N. Kittle,

John C. Vandervort. John S. Himrod.

Walter Butler. James Phillips, George H Sater.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Peter S. Wynkoop, Rich'd Sluyter, Benj. Van Zandt. Thos. F. Mesick, Henry O. Demarest, Peter Harder.

From the Classis of Montgomery.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Benj. B. Westfall, Abm. H. Myers, Jas. Stevenson. Jonas Snell, H. J. Diefendorf, John Van Wie.

SECUMDI.

Rev. Jedediah L. Starks, David Dyer, John P. Pepper. John Marlow, Wm. Knox, Joshua Phelps.

From the Classis of Ulster.

PRIMARII.

Rev. M. L. Schenck, C. S. Van Santvoord, Henry Ostrander. S. Snyder, Garret Mynders, Tunis I. Houghtaling.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. B. Alliger,
David D. Demarest,
John H. Van Wagenen.

Jas. W. Emerick, Philip Carle, Jas. Woodruff.

From the Classis of Cayuga.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Wm. Gray, Wm. W. Rand, John P. Knox. R. Northway,T. B. Van Brunt,J. Hasbrouck.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John A. Liddell, Gustavus Abeel, p. p., Benj. Bassler. J. Parish, Solomon Van Auken, Elijah Lott.

From the Classis of Orange.

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Rev. Jas. Demarest,

John T. Demarest, Chas. Whitehead. Moses I. Decker, Peter Neaffie, Peter Van Noey.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Robert P. Lee, jr.

Robert Pitts, Wm. Demarest. Peter De Puy, Wm. Houston, Philip Swartwout.

From the Classis of Greene.

PRIMARII.

Rev. David Murdock, Wm. Cahoone, Anthony Van Bergen, Luke Kiersted, John Van Vechten.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Jas. Romeyn,

Ephraim De Puy, John Watson.

Jeremiah Searle.

H. Wolf, F. A. Fenn, Garret Sager.

ARTICLE XXIV.

STATED CLERK.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the present Stated Clerk be continued.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to procure the printing of 200 copies of the minutes of the present session, to be distributed among the several Classes.

ARTICLE XXV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the next stated meeting of this Synod be held in the lecture room of the Second Dutch Church in the city of Albany, on the first Wednesday of May, 1844, at 10 o'clock A. M.

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The door-keeper's bill, amounting to \$2 37½ was received and ordered to be paid.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Synod adjourned, with prayer, by the president.

JOHN GOSMAN, President.

JOHN H. VAN WAGENEN, Adsessor.

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EDWIN HOLMES, Stated Clerk.

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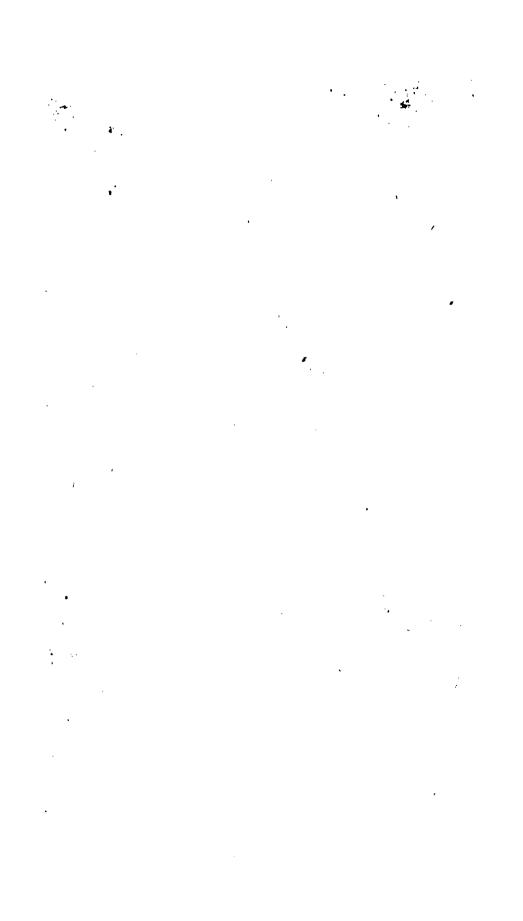
PARTICULAR SYNOD

ALBANY,

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ARTICLE L

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Particular Synod of Albany met pursuant to adjournment at the Lecture Room of the Second Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, in the city of Albany, on Wednesday, the first day of May, 1844, at 10 o'clock A. M., and in the absence of the President, was opened with prayer by the Rev. John H. Van Wagoner, the Adsessor of the last Synod, who preached a sermon in the evening of the first day of the session from Ezekiel xxxiii., 7, 8, 9.

ARTICLE IL

MEMBERS PRESENT.

The following persons presented regular credentials and took their seats as members of Synod:

From the Classis of Albany.

MINISTERS.

ELDERS.

Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D., Wm. H. Campbell. Daniel Curtiss.

Abraham F. Lansing.

From the Classis of Schenectady.

Rev. John A. Yates, D. D., Wm. B. Davis.

From the Classis of Rensselser.

Rev. E. S. Porter.

From the Classis of Washington.

Rev. John H. Pitcher. Henry Morris.

From the Classis of Schoharie.

Rev. Alanson B. Chittenden. Ambrose Eggleston.

From the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. J. Du Dois.

From the Classis of Ulster,

Rev. Wm. T. Van Doren. Wm. H. Dederick.
John H. Van Wagoner.

From the Classis of Cayuga.

Rev. Cors. Gates.

Peter Louisbury.

James O. Towner.

From the Classis of Orange.

Rev. Robert P. Lee. Francis Drake.

Abner Bookstaver.

From the Classis of Greene.

Rev. David Murdoch.

Abraham Van Vechten.

From the Classis of Michigan.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Rev. John A. Yates, D. D., was chosen President; Rev. Robert P. Lee, Adsessor; and the Rev. Messrs. E. S. Porter and Wm. T. Van Doren, Clerks

ARTICLE IV.

DELEGATES FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

No delegate appeared.

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The Rev. Wm. H. Campbell was appointed a delegate to attend the Sessions of the Particular Synod of New York, in May 1845.

ARTICLE V.

BEADING OF MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

ARTICLE VI.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

A committee consisting of the Rev. I. N. Wyckoff, J. H. Van Wagoner and the Elder A. Van Vechten.

This committee reported the following, which was accepted and adopted:

The committee appointed to amend the rules of the Particular Synod beg leave to report, that the best way to amend the rules is to adopt a new and more perfect system. And since an excellent order has been adopted by General Synod, your committee recommend the adoption of the rules of General Synod: substituting the word Particular, in place of the word General, before Synod.

All which is submitted.

I. N. WYCKOFF, Chairman.

ARTICLE VII.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On Synodical Minutes—Rev. Messrs. A. B. Chittenden, Wm. B. Davis and the Elder D. Curtiss.

On Classical Minutes—Rev. Messrs. C. Gates, J. H. Van Wagoner and the Elder A. Bookstave.

On the Synodical Report—Rev. Messrs. I. N. Wyckoff, D. D., Wm. T. Van Doren and the Elder J. O. Towner.

On the Questorate—Rev. Messra. J. H. Pitcher, Wra. H. Campbell and the Elder W. H. Dederick.

On Overtures on Judicial Business—Rev. Messrs. R. P. Lee, H. Morris and the Elder A. Van Vechten.

ARTICLE VIII.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The committee on Synodical Minutes reported the following, which was adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully report, that they have examined the minutes of the Particular and General Synods of 1843, and find nothing claiming the attention of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

A. B. CHITTENDEN, Chairman.

The committee on Classical Minutes presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The committee on Classical Minutes beg leave to report, that they find the following items requiring the attention of Synod.

On the minutes of the Classis of Schenectady, a complaint is made, by Mrs. Harriet Best, against a decision of said Classis, to this Synod.

On the minutes of the Classis of Rensselaer, it does not appear that the consistorial minutes were handed in, examined and reported upon. Also, no mention is made of the constitutional questions having been put to the members and answered.

The Classis of Montgomery, from their minutes, appear to have omitted the constitutional question; although a delegate from that classis states that such is not the fact.

The Classis of Orange present the request of the church at Ellenville to the attention of General Synod. That request is, that the General Synod, adopt a uniform rule as to whose children shall be admitted to baptism.

The Classis of Cayuga, prefer a request, that this Synoddecide, whether and how far, indulging in dancing, by members of the church, is to be regarded as including them among those spoken of in the Communion Service of our Church, who "lead offensive lives."

The Classis of Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Schoharie, and Washington, have expressed themselves in favor of the plan of a closer union between the Reformed Dutch Church, and that of the German Reformed. The Classes of Ulster, Montgomery and Orange, adopted resolutions in opposition to such union. The Classes of Cayuga and Geeene have expressed no opinion on the subject.

All which is respectfully submitted.

CORS. GATES, Chairman.

So much of the above report as relates to the complaint of Mrs. Best, was referred to the committee on Overtures and Judicial Business. See article appeals.

On so much as relates to the Classis of Rensselaer, the following resolution was adopted. Resolved, That it be enjoined upon said Classis to be more strict, in their observance of the requirements of the Constitution, in relation to presenting and examining consistoral minutes, and also with reference to proposing the constitutional question.

Such part as relates to the minutes of the Classis of Montgomery, it was resolved that this classis be enjoined to have their minutes plainly state what action, if any, is had upon each Lemma.

The request of the church of Ellenville, presented in the minutes of the Classis of Orange, was referred to General Synod.

That part of the minutes of the Classis of Cayuga, which relates to the subject of dancing, was referred by this Synod to the consideration of General Synod, that an expression may be given which shall have application to the whole church.

The committee on the Synodical Report, presented the following, which was accepted and adopted.

The committee appointed to prepare the Annual Report on the State of Religion, beg leave, respectfully, to

REPORT:

That from the reports of the several Classes it is evident that the usual mercies of God have been vouchsafed to the churches under the care of this Synod. Although the grateful record of last year cannot be repeated, "that it has been a year of the right hand of the Lord," yet it is true that "the Lord of Hosts has been with us, and the God of Israel has been our refuge."

The Classis of Albany reports, that her churches are nearly all supplied with pastors; that peace has been uninterrupted throughout her borders; that the average number of members has been received into the communion of the churches; that the numerous converts of last year have remained steadfast in their profession; that one church has enjoyed a revival, and a new church has been organized in the city of Troy, and the Rev. R. Wells has been appointed to supply it; and that the Rev. J. A. H. Cornell has been transferred from Westerlo to New Baltimore, and the Rev. S. Kissam has been settled as pastor at Coeymans.

The Classis of Schoharie reports, that there are some encouraging accounts from the churches; that numbers have been added to some of the churches; good attention to the ministry of the word is manifested; sabbath schools are maintained in all the congregations. That the Rev. Ambrose Eggleston, Paul Weidman and Lawrence H. Van Dyck, have been received as members of Classis, and the Rev. Samuel Robertson, dismissed to the Classis of Albany. The Rev. R. D. Van Kleeck has been dismissed to the south Classis of Long Island.

The Classis of Ulster reports, that in the accounts of the churches, light and shade mingle; but that light predominates. That five of its churches are vacant, that three have enjoyed a season of revival, that all the rest have walked in peace, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost; that a new

church has been organized under favorable auspices at Rosendale, and that the following ecclesiastical changes have occurred, viz: The Rev. J. C. Cruickshank, and J. McFarlane have been received into the Classis, and the Rev. D. D. Demarest, J. B. Aliger and D. Van OLinda dismissed.

The Classis of Rensselaer reports, that its churches generally are in a prosperous and harmonious state. In some of them there has been a refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The various benevolent institutions of the church are sustained with encouraging interest. The Rev. Dr. Sickles and the Rev. Henry Heermance are ministers without charge. In a portion of Ghent, another church has been organized, and the Rev. Theodore F. Wyckoff employed as its preacher. The Rev. R. Sluyter has been removed by death, and the Rev. I. C. Boice installed pastor of the church of Claverack.

The Classis of Greene reports itself in as healthful state as at any former period within several years. The churches with but one exception, are supplied with pastors. The gospel has been faithfully preached, but has produced no surprising effects. But a silent and cheering influence has gone out over all the churches. The Rev. H. P. Stimson and Wm. Knight are without charge. The Rev. A. C. Hillman has been received and settled at Roxbury, and the Rev. Mr. Watson has been dismissed to the Classis of Ulster.

The Classis of Cayuga reports, that "the reports of the churches present an encouraging view of their temporal and spiritual condition." Few of the churches have had large accessions to their numbers, and all the rest have been more or less increased and strengthened. From being few and small, the Classes have come to be multiplied, rigorous and zealous in extending the blessings they themselves enjoy. They have eight ministers without charge and one missionary at Borneo.

The Classis of Washington reports, that "the blessing of God has, evidently rested on the churches; and one church has been specially visited. Some weak churches have been

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strengthened, and the accommodations for worship improved. Sabbath schools have been generally maintained; two churches are in a sad and painful condition. The pastoral relation has been dissolved in Jackson, Siosseock and Saratoga. In the churches of Union and Northumberland, pastors have been settled. Five ministers have no charge.

The Classis of Schenectady reports, that a pleasing harmony of views and feelings exists in the Classis. The church of Helderburgh has enjoyed a blessed season of refreshing, the other churches maintain the gospel in its purity, and although not greatly enlarged by increase of members, they have been strengthened, and are at present in a settled and good condition. The candidate, W. W. Halloway, has been received from the Classis of Philadelphia.

The Classis of Montgomery reports, that "in the churches within its bounds, harmony and peace generally prevail. That the number of members received during the year and admitted to the communion of the church is considerably in advance of the one previous. Attendance on the ordinances is encouraging, and attention to benevolent efforts is advancing. The Rev. T. Frazer has been dismissed, the pastoral relation between the Rev. S. Van Vechten and the church of Fort Plain has been terminated by mutual consent, the Rev. J. M. Van Buren is called to the church of Fultonville.

The Classis of Orange reports, that all the churches are supplied with the administration of the gospel, and that there has been a commendable degree of attention and zeal in the use of means. Sunday schools are maintained, prayer meetings encouragingly attended, five churches have enjoyed a time of refreshing, and many members added. J. H. Bevier has been dismissed from Shawangunk, J. B. Aliger called to his place, C. C. Eltinge has been called to his rest, and the candidate G. P. Van Wyck has succeeded to his church.

The Classis of Michigan has been organized, and reports, that the ministers are laboring on in difficulties, members are increasing, attendance improving, the brethren are encouraged, and the prospects of the church within their bounds are brightening as rapidly as could be expected.

In the view of these extracts, from the Classical Reports, the Synod will see, that by the good hand of God upon our churches, order, harmony, fidelity, and a good measure of success characterize their general condition. And though without doubt, there are deficiences, irregularities, and some transgressions among the members of so many churches, yet where we consider the inferiority of men, and the temptations to which God's servants are exposed, we cannot fail to perceive, in the absence of flagrant error, and outbreaking crime, and in the actual existence of much christian correctness and fidelity, a proof of the Divine faithfulness and love, a guaranty of future favors and a claim to our devout gratitude and confidence.

All which is respectfully submitted.

I. N. WYCKOFF, Chairman.

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ARTICLE IX.

REFERENCES.

Nothing Occurred.

ARTICLE X.

APPRALS.

The committee on Overtures and Judicial business reported that a complaint of Mrs. Harriet Best against a decision of the Classis of Schenectady had come regularly before them, and recommended that such complaint be taken up.

The Synod examined the complaint of Mrs. Best, in the following order:

- 1. The complaint was read.
- 2. The documents in the case were read.
- 3. The complainant declined offering any remarks in support of her complaint; the Classis was heard in defence of its proceedings by the Rev. J. A. Yates, D. D., one of its commissioners.
- 4. The parties having retired, the Synod proceeded to deliberate and decide. Whereupon the following motion was made and seconded: Resolved that the complaint of Mrs. Best be sustained. This resolution was decided in the negative. The following minute was adopted in relation to the case of Mrs. Best.

The committee appointed to report a suitable minute expressive of the sense of this Synod in the case of Mrs. Best, present the following. The Church of Amity, the Classis of Schenectady, and the Particular Synod of Albany, and even occasionally the General Synod, have been kept in agitation by either Mr. or Mrs. Best bringing appeals or complaints on a train of collateral subjects, some trifling, some vexatious, and others obsolete. Whatever importance might be attached to any of these matters in the time of their transaction; yet in as much as they are all in such a position that the authors of errors and faults complained of cannot be reached, and that farther agitation cannot be productive of any possible good. Therefore, Resolved, That the course of the church of Amity,

and of the Classis of Schenectady, in these unpleasant difficulties, be in the main, approved.

Resolved, That it is the unanimous sentiment of this Synod, that these troubles have continued long enough, and too long, and we cannot but hope and pray, that our judicatories may no longer be agitated and annoyed by such trifling and vexatious proceedings.

J. H. VAN WAGONER, Chairman.

Mrs. Best gave notice of her intention to appeal from the decision of this Synod, to the next General Synod. This Synod, therefore, appointed the Rev. David Murdock and A. B. Chittenden, as commissioners to defend their proceedings in this case before the General Synod.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.
Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIL

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CHURCH VISITATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XX.

DEPUTATI SYNODI.

The following were appointed, viz:

For the Classis of Albany,

PRIMARII.

SECUNDI.

Level B. W. Level

Rev. O. H. Gregory.

Rev. Wm. A. Campbell.

For the Classis of Schenectady.

Rev. H. A. Raymond.

Rev. Wm. B. Davis.

For the Classis of Rensselaer.

Rev. John Gorman, D. D., Rev. Edwin Holmes.

For the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. E. O. Dunning.

Rev. J. Dubois.

For the Classis of Schoharie.

Rev. A. B. Chittenden.

Rev. Ambrose Eggleston.

For the Classis of Ulster.

Rev. J. H. Van Wagoner. Rev.

Rev. C. L. Van Dyck.

For the Classis of Washington.

Rev. J. Whitbeck.

Rev. H. Morris.

For the Classis of Cayuga.

Rev. Wm. Grev.

Rev. Cor. Gates.

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For the Classis of Orange.

Rev. R. P. Lee.

Rev. Wm. Demarest.

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For the Classis of Greene.

Rev. J. Searle.

Rev. David Murdock.

For the Classis of Michigan.

Rev. John De Witt.

Rev. Asa Bennet.

The following reports were received from Deputati Synodi.

To the Rev. Particular Synod of Albany:

The undersigned would beg leave respectfully to report, that he attended a session of the Classis of Rensselaer as Deputatus, at Ghent, some time in the month of June, and was present at the examination of the candidate, T. F. Wyckoff. The examination was conducted with fidelity and sustained with credit.

I. N. WYCKOFF, Dep. Syn.

To the Rev. Particular Synod of Albany:

The undersigned reports, that he attended as Deputatus a meeting of the Rev. Classis of Cayuga, at Farmersville, at their session in October, 1843: convened for the examination of the licentiate A. G. Ryerson, for ordination. The proper credentials were exhibited, and the examination faithfully conducted. The licentiate acquitted himself in the examination in a manner which intitles him to the confidence of the R. P. church.

J. L. STARK, Dep. Syn.

The undersigned as Dep. Syn. at the request of the Classis of Orange attended a special meeting of said Classis, held at Bloomingburgh, May 30th, 1843; to witness the examination of the candidate Samuel W. Mills, for ordination, and testifies that the examination was conducted according to the constitution of our church, and was well sustained by the candidate.

WM. BRUSH, Dep. Syn.

By another request, the undersigned, as Dep. Syn. was present at a special meeting of the above Classis, held at Shawangunk, Aug. 1st, 1843; to witness the examination of G. P. W. Wyck for licensure, and subsequently, another special meeting of the same Classis, to attend his examination for ordination, held at Deer Park, Feb. 27th, 1844; and testifies that in both instances, the examinations were conducted according to the rules of the constitution of our church, and were creditably sustained by the candidate both for licensure and ordination.

WM. BRUSH, Dep. Syn.

To the Particular Synod of Albany:

Your Deputatus, on the 14th November last, attended a meeting of the Classis of Ulster at Hurly, for the examination of the Rev. Jas. McFarlane, with a view to his reception by said Classis. The examination was thorough and ably conducted, especially the very able and masterly examination on theology, by the Rev. H. Ostrander. All the parts of the examination were well sustained.

WM. KNIGHT, Dep. Syn.

HUNTER, April 25th, 1844.

ARTICLE XXL

PARTICULARIA.

The bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Bunschoten was read. The following resolutions were adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk procure the publication of the material parts of the minutes of this Synod, in the Christian Intelligencer.

 Resolved, That the Classis of Michigan, the notice of whose organization, and the report of whose proceedings have been officially communicated to this body, be recognized as a constituent part of this Synod.

Resolved, As the sense of this Synod, that those individual members, who have abandoned their connexion with the Dutch Church, and joined other denominations without ap-

plying for a certificate, be considered covenant-breakers, and that they be disciplined accordingly.

But if members having difficulties of opinion, or being cast by Providence into circumstances where they cannot worship with a Dutch Church, or a church in correspondence with us, that they be dismissed with a testimonial of their Christian character.

Resolved, That the practice of hiring stated supplies, instead of calling pastors, is one entirely contrary to the genius of our church and unfriendly to her best interests, and therefore should be discountenanced by all our lower judicatories.

Resolved, That it be urged upon pastors and consistories to guard their pulpits against the indiscriminate admission of laymen and ministers of various denominations, who do not at all harmonize with us, either in doctrine, ordinances, or government.

ARTICLE XXII.

QUESTORATE.

The Questor presented the following account, which was referred to the committee on the Questorate.

The Particular Synod of Albany in account with William C. Miller, Questor.

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ALBANY, May 1st, 1844.

WM. C. MILLER, Questor.

The committee on the Questorate reported, that they had examined the Questor's account, with the vouchers and find the same correct. That the balance now in the hands of the Questor amounts to \$120.25.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. PITCHER, Chairman.

ARTICLE XXIII.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

From the Classis of Albany.

MINISTERS.

ELDERS.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Ransford Wells,

Leonard G. Ten Eyck,

MINISTERS.

PLDERS.

Oscar H. Gregory, Ralph Willia.

Samuel Crawford, James Bailey.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. A. H. Cornell,

J. Knieskern,

John McCarty, Gideon Gallup,

Staats Van Santvoord.

John Whitbeck.

From the Classis of Washington.

PRIMARII.

Rev. David A. Jones.

J. Wood, Hugh M. Boyd. B. C. Schermerhorn,

Henry Frazee, Wm. Turk.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Jas. Birkby,

A. Van Vechten,

Harrison Heermance.

L. Veile,

J. H. Ackerson.

L. B. Thompson.

From the Classis of Schenectady.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. Van Vechten, D. D.

John B. Steele, Abmi I. Switz.

Wm. B. Schermerhorn,

Aaron Putman.

G. G. Van Vranken.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Wm. P. Davis,

J. Van Der Volgen,

A. B. Crocker.

Moses Buck,

Abm. A. Truax,

Abm. Pearse.

From the Classis of Rensselaer.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John Gorman, D. D.,

Benj. Van Zandt, Edwin Holmes.

Abm. V. V. Eltinge, Peter Gardinier, John Mynderse.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Ira C. Boice,

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John C. Vandervoort, Jasper Middlemas.

Tobias Van Deusen, John H. Snyder, Evert Van Alen.

From the Classis of Schoharie.

MINISTERS.

ELDERS.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Alanson B. Chittenden, Paul Weidman, Wm. Lockhead. David Becker,
John G. Zimmer,
Storm S. Becker.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Ambrose Eggleston, Cornelius Bogardus, Lawrence H. Van Dyck, Wm. Borst, Barent Stryker, John Rytchmier.

From the Classis of Montgomery.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. L. Starks, Jas. Murphy, D. D., Jas. Stevenson, P. C. Bellinger, Edward Walter, Henry Loucks.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Chas. Jukes,

John Frey,

Abm. H. Myers,

John Van Everen,

Samuel Van Vechten. Jonas Snell.

From the Classis of Ulster.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Abm. Fort, J. McFarlane, Cors. Wyckoff. Elliot Thompson, Elijah Alliger, Jas. H. Emrick.

SECUNDI.

Rev. C. S. Van Santvoord, Wm. Brush,

John I. Houghtaling, Aurt Wood,

J. C. Cruickshank.

Christian I. Deyo.

From the Classis of Cayuga,

PRIMARII.

Rev. Gustavus Abeel, D. D., John C. F. Hoes,

Job Wells, James O. Towner, Abm. Wyckoff.

Jas. Abell.

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MINISTERS.

ELDERS.

SECUNDL

Rev. A. E. Turner, Wm. Grey, Benj. Bassler. Elias Ken, Justus H. Rathbone, Solomon Van Auken.

From the Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. S. Mills,
Jas. Demarest,
A. B. Van Zandt.

Jacob Jansen, S. Allen, E. Smith.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Wm. Demarest, S. B. Ayers, Jas. B. Ten Eyck. J. B. Preston, Wm. Wigram, J. Noyes.

From the Classis of Greene.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Jas. Romeyn, Wm. Cahoone, E. De Puy. F. Overbagh, Wm. Schuneman, Wm. V. B. Heermance.

SECUNDI.

Rev. David Murdock, Wm. Lyall, Wm. Knight. John Languendyck, Roswell Lawrence, John T. More.

From the Classis of Michigan.

PRIMARII.

Rev. A. B. Taylor, John De Witt, Asa Bennet. George Young, S. Cummings, J. Sixby.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. G. Tarbell,
Daniel Michael,
J. E. Ono---

Stephen V. Miller
J. Wells

ARTICLE XXIV.

STATED CLERK.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the present Stated Clerk be continued.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to procure the printing of 200 copies of the minutes of the present session, to be distributed among the several Classes.

ARTICLE XXV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That this Synod adjourn to meet in the Reformed Dutch Church in the city of Hudson, on the first Wednesday of May, 1845, at 10 o'clock A. M.

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The door-keeper's bill, amounting to \$2.50 was received and ordered to be paid.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Synod adjourned, with prayer, by the president.

JOHN A. YATES, President. ROBERT P. LEE, jr. Adsessor.

E. S. PORTER, Clerks. VM. THEO. VAN DOREN,

Official copy from the original minutes.

EDWIN HOLMES, Stated Clerk.

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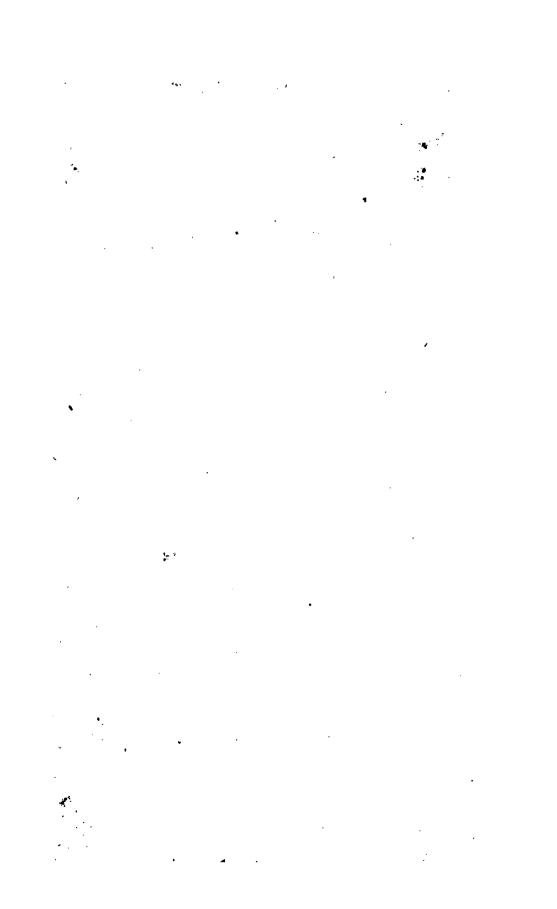
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MINUTES.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Particular Synod of Albany met according to adjournment, in the lecture room of the Reformed Dutch Church in the city of Hudson, on Wednesday, the 7th day of May, 1845, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and, in the absence of the President and Adsessor of the last Synod, the Rev. J. Gosman, D. D. was called to the chair, and opened the meeting with prayer. The sermon was preached in the evening, at the request of the Synod, by the Rev. Charles Whitehead, from Matt. x, 39.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Regular credentials were presented by the following persons, who took their seats accordingly:

From the Classis of Albany.

MINISTERS.

ELDERS.

Rev. T. F. Wyckoff,

John C. Schuyler.

From the Classis of Schenectady.

Rev. Abm. I. Swits,

Jacob Spoor.

" John B. Steele.

From the Classis of Rensselaer.

Rev. John Gosman, D. D., Jacob Van Deusen,

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From the Classis of Washington.

Rev. Jacob A. Lansing, N. Bailey.

" David A. Jones.

From the Classis of Schoharie.

Rev. Ambrose Eggleston,

' Alanson B. Chittenden.

From the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. Douw Van OLinda.

From the Classis of Ulster.

Rev. H. Ostrander, D. D. Barrent G. Van Aken.

From the Classis of Cayuga.
No Delegation.

From the Classis of Orange.

Rev. Chas. Whitehead, Wm. Houston.

" J. B. Alliger.

From the Classis of Greene.

Rev. Wm. A. Cornell,

Staats De Groot,

" Wm. Lyall.

Roswell M. Lawrence.

From the Classis of Michigan.

Rev. A. B. Taylor.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Rev. John B. Steele was chosen President; the Rev. Charles Whitehead, Adsessor; and the Rev. Messrs. J. B. Alliger, and A. B. Taylor, Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

DELEGATES TO AND FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

The Rev. Garret I. Garretson appeared and took his seat as a delegate from the Particular Synod of New York.

The Rev. John Gosman, p. p., was appointed a delegate to attend the meeting of the Particular Synod of New York, in May, 1846.

ARTICLE V.

READING OF MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

ARTICLE VI.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE VII.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed, viz:

On Synodical Minutes—Rev. Messrs. Abm. I. Swits, John S. Himrod, and the elder Roswell M. Lawrence.

On Classical Minutes—Rev. Messrs. Douw Van OLinda, A. B. Chittenden, and the elder John C. Schuyler.

On the Synodical Report—Rev. Messrs. Charles Whitehead, Jacob A. Lansing, and the elder Wm. Houston.

On the Questorate—Rev. Messrs. David A. Jones, Wm. A. Cornell, and the elder Staats De Groot.

On Overtures and Judicial Business—Rev. Messrs. John Gosman, D. D., Theodore F. Wyck-off, and the elder N. Bailey.

ARTICLE VIII.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The committee on Synodical Minutes presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

The committee on Synodical Minutes beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have examined the minutes of the Particular and General Synods, and that on the last named minutes, the following items, in the estimation of the committee, require the attention of Synod, viz: Two resolutions, in relation to the Education and Sabbath School Union, on page 352; and on page 355, a resolution on the subject of Fisher's Heidleburgh Catechism.

Respectfully submitted,
ABM. I. SWITS, Chairman,

The committee on Classical Minutes reported the following, which was adopted.

The committee on Classical Minutes Report:

That the minutes of all the Classes under the care of this Synod, excepting those of Cayuga, are on the table and found to be correct and in order. On the minutes of the Classis of Ulster they find, page 403, an appeal to this Synod of Mr. John D. Schoonmaker, from a decision of said Classis.

On the minutes of the Classis of Schenectady they find that Mr. Adam H. Van Vranken, a member of the Reformed Dutch Church of Schenectady, is recommended to General Synod, as a suitable person to receive aid from the funds of the church, in his preparation for the gospel ministry.

On the communication from the Particular Synod of New York, referred to them, declaring their consent, to have the churches of Red Hook, Linlithgow, Germantown and Greenport, dismissed, to be organized, together with the churches of Hudson, Claverack, Mellenville and Hillsdale, into a new Classis; the committee propose the following resoultion:

Resolved, That this Synod concur in the request, and that the respective churches, viz: Hudson, Claverack, Mellenville and Hillsdale, now under the care of the Classis of Rensselaer, with their respective pastors, be dismissed to organize such new Classis, and that General Synod be requested to make the arrangements necessary to a complete organization of said Classis—and that they determine to which particular Synod such Classis shall belong.

Resolved, That such Classis, when organized, shall be under the name and style of the Classis of Hudson.

Connected with the above, there was referred to your committee a request from the Second

Church of Ghent, to be transferred from the Classis of Rensselaer, to the new Classis to be organized. As the new Classis is not yet organized, the committee offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Second Church of Ghent present their request to the Classis of Rensselaer, after the new Classis contemplated shall have been organized.

The committee have also considered two applications, the one from the church of Waterford, the other from the church of Wynantskill referred to them, asking for the organization of a new Classis, consisting of the following churches, with their respective pastors, viz: From the Classis of Washington, the churches of Waterford and Wynantskill; from the Classis of Schenectady, the church at the Boght; and from the Classis of Albany, the churches of Cohoes, the church of West Troy, and the south church of West Troy. Upon these applications the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the request be granted, and that the said churches with their respective pastors be and hereby are dismissed from their respective Classes.

Resolved, That the brethren so dismissed, with an elder from each of the churches dismissed, meet in the church of West Troy, on the laster Tuesday of May, at 2 o'clock P. M., to organize the new Classis, under the name and style of the Classis of Watervliet; and that the Rev. O. H. Gregory preach the sermon on the occasion.

All which is respectfully submitted,

D. VAN OLINDA, Chairman.

So much of the above report as relates to the appeal of Mr. John D. Schoonmaker, was referred to the committee on Overtures and Judicial Business. See article Appeals.

The committee on the Synodical Report presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The committee appointed to prepare the annual report on the state of religion, beg leave respectfully to

REPORT:

That while the reports of the several Classes, give evidence of external prosperity in the churches under their care, and communicate a season of refreshment in a few individual portions of the Lord's vineyard committed to their spiritual culture, there is yet a general expression of complaint over the low state of religion among us, indicating the suspension of divine The public services of God's house. are usually well attended, biblical and catechetical instruction given, and the various benevolent operations of the church sustained. The churches of Amity and Helderburgh in the Classis of Schenectady, and the church of Fallsburgh in the Classis of Orange, have shared in the reviving power of the Holy Ghost, and like gardens

selaer, the Rev. J. C. Vandervoort has been dismissed to the Classis of Ulster, and the Rev. J. S. Himrod has succeeded him in the 2d church of Claverack. Rev. P. S. Wnykoop has been removed from the 1st church of Ghent, to that of Bloominggrove, and Rev. J. Dewitt is about to be installed as his successor. In the Classis of Washington, the vacant churches of Tiossiock, Saratoga and Jackson, have been supplied with pastors. Rev. Messrs. Boyd and Quick were dismissed, the former to the Classis of Schenectady, and the latter to the Classis of Passaic. In the Classis of Schoharie, the Rev. L. H. Van Dyck has been installed pastor of the church of Gilboa. Rev. R. Wells has been installed pastor of the church of Schoharie, and Rev. E. S. Hammond has been received from the Classis of Passaic, and is to be installed pastor of the church of Gallupville. Rev. G. Kerr has been received from the Presbytery of Columbia, and installed pastor of the church of Conesville. The pastoral relation between Rev. Wm. Lochead and the churches of New Rhinebeck and Cobleskill has been dissolved. In the Classis of Montgomery, Rev. C. Jukes has been dismissed from the churches of Glen and Auriesville, and installed pastor of the churches of Stone Arabia and Ephrata. Rev. D. Van OLinda has been received and installed pastor of the church of Caughnawaga. Rev. J. M. Van Buren has been received, and installed pastor of the church of Fultonville. Rev. C. G. McLean, D. D., has been received from the Presbyterian church, and installed pastor of the church of Fort Plain. Rev. J. Robb has been received. and the Rev. E. O. Dunning has been dismissed from the church of Canajoharie; and the Rev. J. Dubois has been dismissed from the church of Manheim and recommended to the Classis of Washington. In the Classis of Orange, the Rev. F. T. Drake has been dismissed from the church of Wurtsburgh, and the Rev. Wm. Demerest has been dismissed from the church of New Hurley. The Rev. T. B. Gregory has been. received from the North Classis of Long Island. In the Classis of Ulster, the Rev. J. C. Van Devoort has been received from the Classis of Rensselaer, and installed pastor of the church of New Paltz. The Rev. J. Van Wagener has been removed by death. In the Classis of Schenectady, Rev. H. M. Boyd has been received from the Classis of Washington; the Rev. A. Yates, D. D., has been removed by death. Measures are being taken for the formation of a second church in the city of Schenectady.

In view of the low state of religion, the committee recommend that the General Synod be requested to appoint a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer in the churches, that God may revive his work and refresh his heritage.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES WHITEHEAD, Chairman.

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ARTICLE IX.

REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

APPEALS.

The committee on Overtures and Judicial Business, reported that the appeal of Mr. John D. Schoonmaker from a decision of the Classis of Ulster was in order, and had come regularly before the Synod. They therefore recommended that such appeal be now taken up. The appellant not being present, and not having sent any communication to the Synod, the following preamble and resolution were proposed and adopted:

Whereas Mr. John D. Schoonmaker has not appeared to prosecute his appeal from the decision of the Classis of Ulster, nor sent to this Synod any communication in relation thereto—Therefore, *Resolved*, That the appeal of Mr. Schoonmaker be considered as relinquished.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIL

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CHURCH VISITATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XX.

DEPUTATI SYNODI.

The following were appointed, viz:

For the Classis of Albany. PRIMARII. SECUNDI. Rev. Wm. H. Campbell, D. D. Rev. Ralph Willis. For the Classis of Schenectady. Rev. Wm. B. Davis. Rev. Abraham I. Swits. For the Classis of Rensselder. Rev. Andrew N. Kittle. Rev. Edwin Holmes. For the Classis of Schoharie. Rev. Ambrose Eggleston. Rev. Lawrence H. Van Dyck. For the Classis of Ulster. Rev. M. L. Schenck. Rev. C. L. Van Dyck. For the Classis of Washington. Rev. H. Morris. Rev. David A. Jones. For the Classis of Cayaga. Rev. Cors. C. Gates. Rev. John C. F. Hoes. For the Classis of Orange, Rev. James B. Ten Eyck. Rev. J. B. Alliger. For the Classis of Montgomery. Rev. Douw Van OLinda. Rev. James Stevenson. For the Classis of Greene. Rev. David Murdock. Rev. Wm. Lyall. For the Classis of Michigan. Rev. Asa Bennett. Rev. A. B. Taylor.

putati Synodi, which were adopted:

The undersigned, Deputatus of the Classis of Albany, would respectfully report to the Particular Synod of Albany, that during the past synodical year, he has attended three examina-

The following reports were received from De-

tions.

On the 31st of July he attended the examination of the candidate Edwin C. Vedder, before the Classis of Schenectady.

On the 15th October he attended a meeting of the Classis of Montgomery at Fultonville, when Rev. C. G. McLean, D. D., of the Presbytery of New Castle was examined.

On April 22d, 1845, he attended a meeting of the Classis of Schenectady, when the candidate C. G. Mead was examined.

In all these examinations the rules of the church were observed, and the examinations sustained.

Albany, May 1st, 1845.

WM. H. CAMPBELL.

The undersigned Deputatus of the Classis of Rensselaer begs leave to report, that he attended a meeting of the Classis of Greene, Jan. 7th, 1845, when the candidate Wm. A. Cornell, was examined. The rules of the church were observed, and the examination sustained in a highly creditable manner by the candidate.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN GOSMAN, Dep. Syn.

Hudson, May 6th, 1845.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

The bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Bunschoten was read.

ARTICLE XXII.

QUESTORATE.

The Questor presented the following account,

which was referred to the committee on the Questorate:

The Particular Synod of Albany in account with Wm. C. Miller, Questor.

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Albany, April, 1845.

The committee on the Questorate beg leave to report, that they have examined the account submitted to their inspection, compared the same with the vouchers and find them correct. The balance now in the hands of the Questor amounts to \$81.08.

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Respectfully submitted,
DAVID A. JONES, Chairman.

ARTICLE XXIII.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The following delegates were appointed:

From the Classis of Albany.

PRIM	ARU.
MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. D. Kennedy,	Teunis Van Vechten,
" L. N. Wyckoff, D. D.	J. Lansing,
" S. Van Santvood.	David Burhans.
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Rev. O. H. Gregory,	H. Thalhimer,
* W. H. Campbell, D. D.,	E. S. Herrick,
" J. A. H. Cornell.	J. Fonda.

From the Classis of Rensselaer.

PRIMARII.

G. R. Delamater,

" E. S. Porter,	M. Mesick,
" E. P. Stimpson.	J. Van Sinderen.
SE	CUNDI.
Rev. G. R. Williamson,	M. Whitbeck,
" John Grey,	J. J. Schermerhorn,
" B. Van Zandt.	S. Metcalf.
From the Clas	sis of Schenectady.

Rev. I. C. Boice,

PRIMARII

Rev. H. A. Raymond,	Abm. Pease,
" W. W. Halloway,	Moses Buck,
" J. B. Steele.	A. Livingston
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SECUNDI.

Rev. Wm. P. Davis,	Abm. Van Hoovenburgh,
" W. Ingalls,	Casper F. Hoag,
" A. B. Crocker.	Abm. Truax.

From the Classis of Washington.

PRIMARII.

Rev. H. Slauson,		T. K. McLean,
" J. Whitbeck,	•	J. Southworth,
" H. Morris.		P. K. Wells.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. Birkby,	Wm. Wilson,
" J. H. Pitcher,	T. S. Mott,
" J. Dubois.	A. Van Vechten.

From the Classis of Schoharie.

PRIMARII.

Rev	. R. Wells,	Storm S. Becker,
66	L. H. Van Dyck,	C. S. Patrie,
" George Kerr.	George Kerr.	John W. Zimmer.
		SECUNDI.

Rev.	Pa	ul T	Weidn	ıan,		С. н	. Van Dyck
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From the Classis of Montgomery.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Jas. Donald,		Bartlett Getman,	
"	C. G. McLean, D. D.,	H. Loucks,	
"	J. M. Van Buren.	J. Johnson.	
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SECUNDI.

Rev	. J. L. Starks,	R. Hugener
"	D. Van OLinda,	H. Mabee,
"	J. Stevenson.	J. Sanders.

From the Classis of Ulster.

PRIMARII

Rev. J. Lillie,	Elijah Alliger,
" C. S. Van Santvoord,	Luther Laflin,
" J. C. Cruickshank.	P. P. Wynkoop.

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From the Classis of Michigan. PRIMARII.

Rev. A. B. Taylor,

George Young,

" Asa Bennett,

John Sixby.

" J. G. Tarbell.

ARTICLE XXIV.

STATED CLERKS.

Resolved, That the present Stated Clerk be continued.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to procure the printing of 200 copies of the minutes of the present meeting of Synod, to be distributed among the churches.

ARTICLE XXV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That when this Synod adjourn, it adjourn to meet in the city of Schenectady on the first Wednesday of May, 1846, at 10 o'clock A. M.

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The doorkeeper's bill, amounting to \$1.50 was received and ordered to be paid.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Synod adjourned with prayer by the president.

JOHN B. STEELE, President. CHAS. WHITEHEAD, Adsessor.

J. B. Alliger, Clerks. A. B. Taylor,

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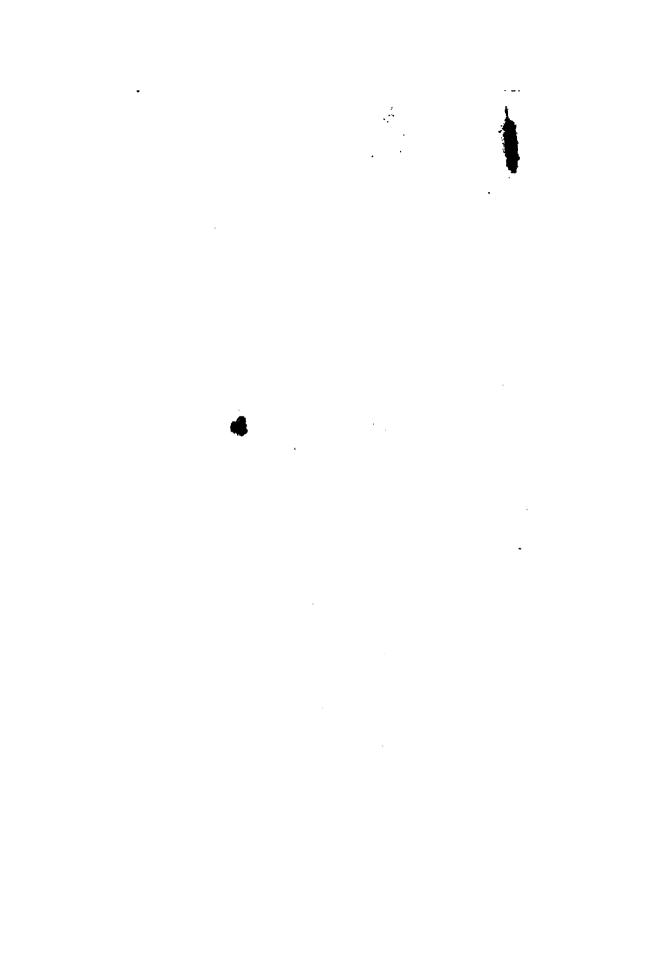
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MINUTES.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Particular Synod of Albany met pursuant to adjournment, in the lecture room of the Reformed Dutch Church in the city of Schenec-

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MEMBERS PRESENT.

The following persons produced regular credentials, and took their seats as members of Synod, viz:

From the Classis of Albany.

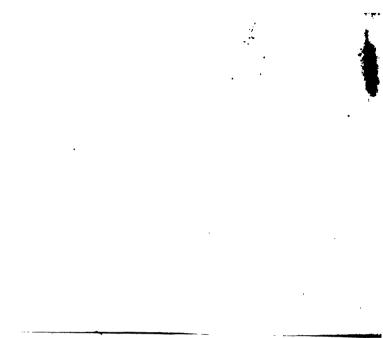
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From the Classis of Schenectady.

Rev. Hugh M. Boyd, C. F. Hoag. "W. W. Halloway,





MINUTES.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Particular Synod of Albany met pursuant to adjournment, in the lecture room of the Reformed Dutch Church in the city of Schenectady, on Wednesday, the 6th day of May, 1846, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with prayer, by the Rev. John B. Steele, the President of the last Synod, who preached a sermon on the evening of the first day of the session, from 2 Tim. iv, 2.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

The following persons produced regular credentials, and took their seats as members of Synod, viz:

From the Classis of Albany.

MINISTERS.

ELDERS.

Rev. S. Van Santvoord.

From the Classis of Schenectady.

Rev. Hugh M. Boyd, C. F. Hoag. "W. W. Halloway,

From the Classis of Rensselaer.

Rev. A. N. Kittle, Wm. Hendricks.

From the Classis of Washington.

Rev. C. H. Chester, J. W. Groesbeck. "H. Morris.

From the Classis of Schoharie.

Rev. Jacob West, James Van Gaasbeek.

From the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. James Donald, J. V. A. Wemple.

From the Classis of Ulster.

Rev. C. L. Van Dyck, John Archmody.

From the Classis of Cayuga.

R. Northway.

From the Classis of Orange.

Rev. E. Slingerland, P. B. Cromwell,

" A. B. Van Zandt, J. Dickerson.

From the Classis of Greene.

Rev. David Murdock,

" Wm. Lyall.

From the Classis of Michigan.
No Delegation.

From the Classis of Watervliet.

Rev. Oscar H. Gregory, David More.

" Theo. F. Wyckoff,

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Rev. Elbert Slingerland was chosen Pre-

sident; the Rev. Hugh M. Boyd, Adsessor; and the Rev. Messrs. T. F. Wyckoff, and C. L. Van Dyck, Clerks; and in the absence of the Stated Clerk, the Rev. A. B. Van Zandt was chosen Stated Clerk pro. tem.

ARTICLE IV.

DELEGATES TO AND FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

Rev. A. A. Marselus from the Particular Synod of New York, appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. A. N. Kittle, was appointed a delegate to attend the next stated meeting of the Particular Synod of New York, to be held in May, 1847; and the Rev. T. F. Wyckoff was appointed his secundus.

ARTICLE V.

READING OF MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

ARTICLE VI.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE VII.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed, viz:

On Synodical Minutes—Rev. Messrs. Staats, Van Santvoord, Theodore F. Wyckoff, and the elder J. Dickerson. On Classical Minutes—Rev. Messrs. H. Morris, A. N. Kittle, and the elder Wm. Hendricks.

On the Synodical Report—Rev. Messrs. H. M. Boyd, C. H. Chester, and the elder J. H. Groesbeck.

On the Questorate—Rev. Messrs. David Murdock, O. H. Gregory, and the elder David More.

On Overtures and Judicial Business—Rev. Messrs. A. N. Kittle, W. W. Halloway, and the elder P. B. Cromwell.

ARTICLE VIII.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The committee on Synodical Minutes presented the following report, which was accepted, amended and adopted.

The committee appointed on Synodical Minutes respectfully

REPORT:

That they find the following resolutions on the minutes of General Synod, requiring the attention of this body. On page 468, relating to an amendment of the constitution; on page 469, referring to the terms of reception of licentiates and ministers from other bodies; on page 507, urging the churches to greater liberality in the support of domestic missions; on page 510, requiring the Classis to have a Lemma called Benevolent Institutions; on page 514, commending the Seamen's Friend Society to the patronage of the churches; on page 516, urging the claims of the American Jews' Society.

Your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the different Classes under the care of this Synod, be directed to require their stated clerks to transcribe on a conspicuous page of their minutes, the three resolutions found on page 469, of General Synod, which regard licentiates and ministers of other churches, not in correspondence with our church.

Whereas, Several Classes within the bounds of this Synod, have objected to the resolutions found on page 469, of the minutes of General Synod. And whereas, The constitutionality of these resolutions has been questioned by some. Therefore

Resolved, That it be respectfully recommended to General Synod, to reconsider the same.

STAATS VAN SANTVOORD, Chairman.

The committee on Classical Minutes presented the following as their report, which was read, accepted and adopted.

The committee on Classical Minutes respectfully Report:

That the minutes of all the Classes under the care of this Synod, are on the table, and are found to be correct and in order.

The Classis of Orange report on the subject referred by General Synod, as to the addition to the constitution, chap. 1, art 1, § 5, they recommend that it shall be competent for Classis to "recall for good cause."

Also that in their judgment it is inexpedient to add the additional Lemma, concerning benevolent institutions.

Also they request the transfer of their Synodical relation from the Particular Synod of Albany, to that of New York, for a variety of reasons stated in their minutes. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutson:

Resolved, That the application of the Classis of Orange, for a change of their relation from the Particular Synod of Albany, to that of New York; and the reasons for that application assigned by the Classis, be referred to General Synod, with the recommendation that the said application be granted, provided that the Classis of Hudson, with the consent of the Particular Synod of New York, be transferred to the Particular Synod of Albany.

Also the following resolution, touching the resolutions of General Synod, was adopted.

Resolved, That while we hold ourselves amenable for our acts to Synod, yet in our judgment no previous resolution of General Synod can render null and void an act of Classis constitutionally performed; which resolution is referred to the General Synod.

The Classis of Rensselaer, Washington, Montgomery, Watervliet and Schoharie, approve of the addition to the constitution proposed, chap. 1, art. 1, § 5, viz: "That it shall be competent to recall for good cause." The Classis of Sche-

nectady and Ulster voted that this article of the constitution should remain in its perfect form.

On the minutes of the Classis of Montgomery, they find that the Rev. D. Van OLinda has declared his attention to appeal from the decision of said Classis, to the Particular Synod, in reference to the reception of the Rev. Jasper Middlemas.

All of which is respectfully submitted, H. MORRIS, Chairman.

The committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported, and their report was adopted and is as follows:

The committee on Overtures and Judicial Business, report that no business has come before them, on which it is necessary for this Synod to act.

A. N. KITTLE, Chairman.

The committee on Synodical Report presented the following, which was adopted.

The committee on the state of religion within the bounds of this Synod, beg leave to present the following Report:

That they have examined with attention and care, the statements and facts presented in the reports of the different Classes, which, in their general character, are quite uniform as to the spiritual state of the churches under their care.

The Classis of Albany, say—"That the churches in general are enjoying peace and a share of temporal prosperity. None, however, have en-

joyed any visible outpouring of the Holy Spirit; and accessions have been fewer than in former years. They deplore the necessity the Classis have been under, to exercise discipline towards one of their number, by suspending him from the functions of the ministry; the Rev. Samuel Kissam."

The Classis of Rensselaer, say—"We have reason to rejoice that so much prosperity has attended the churches in the prosecution of their work for the edification of the saints, and in seeking to diffuse among the perishing, the knowledge of eternal life. They deplore the few conversions which have occurred among them: they lament the few awakenings which have occurred, and remark that great coldness of heart characterizes the great mass of God's professing people. Temperance is sustained by all the churches. Sabbath schools receive a great and merited share of attention. The Rev. John De Witt has been received and installed pastor of the 1st church of Ghent. The Rev. J. Sickles, D. D., so long pastor of the church of Kinderhook, has sunk to rest, full of years and of The Rev. A. N. Kittle has resigned his charge of the church of Stuyvesant."

The Classis of Montgomery declare—"That but few of the churches have made a full report of their state and prospects, farther than, as evidenced by their statistical table; consequently they have furnished but limited authentic means for presenting the true condition of the church-

es officially given." The outward state of the churches in this Classis, is represented as favorable. The Rev. J. McFarlane has been received from the Classis of Ulster, and installed over the church of Canajoharie.

The Classis of Schoharie, say-"That very few of the consistories have sent in a written report, and in most cases they have to depend upon verbal statements. Although none of our churches have been favored with the especial influences of the spirit, and there has been nothing of a very marked character in the history of the past year; yet there was something very gratifying and encouraging in the statements made by the pastors and elders, showing a state of improvement and prosperity, over which we have reason to rejoice. There is an increased attention to the public means of grace—successful efforts in behalf of sabbath schoolsattention to prayer meetings, and great encouragement as to the triumphs of the temperance cause during the past year. Three installations have taken place during the past year. Hammond over the church of Gallupville: William Demerest over the churches of Bern and Beaverdam; and Jacob West over the church of Middleburgh.

The Classis of Orange, record—"That the influence of the good spirit have been imported to most of our churches during the past year, in small measure. The church at Grahamville, seems to have been liberally blessed by that

agent. It is matter of thankfulness that all the churches, with but one exception, are furnished with the regular preaching of the word, and the administration of the ordinances of God's house. During the past Classical year, the Rev. Elbert Slingerland has been received from the Classis of Illinois, and installed pastor of the church of New Hurley. The Rev. F. T. Drake has been dismissed, to connect himself with the Classis of Cayuga; and the Rev. Wm. Demerest has been dismissed to connect himself with the Classis of Schoharie.

The Classis of Cayuga report as to the general character of the churches within their bounds. and the committee find it essentially the same as others already noticed. Under date Feb. 4th, they say-"The church at Farmersville has enjoyed somewhat of a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord; and the church also of Sandbeach, has received a few mercy drops. Sabbath schools—catechetical and biblical instruction have also been generally attended to. The following changes have taken place within our bounds during the year. The Rev. Cor's Brower, one of the oldest members, has been called from the church militant, to the church triumphant. The pastoral relation between the Rev. A. G. Ryerson and the church at Gorham. has been dissolved; also between the Rev. J. C. F. Hoes and the church at Ithaca; also between the Rev. J. Hammond and the church at Mount Morris. The Rev. Charles Wiley has been received into the Classis from the Hampton association, and upon his reception and acceptance of a call from the church of Ithaca, he was installed pastor of that church. The Rev. Francis T. Drake has been received from the Classis of Orange, and settled as pastor of the church of Canastota. The Rev. R. W. Knight has been installed pastor of the churches of Cato and Lysander. The Rev. J. F. Schermerhorn has been dismissed from this Classis, to join the Classis of Washington."

The Classis of Greene, say—"That sabbath schools, bible classes and the temperance cause are objects of interest, and those to which attention is paid. We have it not in our power to report any special or remarkable outpourings of the spirit—and over this suspension of extraordinary influence, lamentation is made; yet in some of our churches there are encouraging indications."

The Classis of Washington, report—"That peace and harmony prevail in the churches within their bounds. The means of grace are generally well attended. The monthly concert of prayer is observed, and collections taken up in aid of Foreign and Domestic Missions, and other benevolent objects. Children and youth are instructed in sabbath schools and Bible classes. One of their number, the Rev. Joel Wood, has been removed from the scene of his

earthly labors. The Rev. H. Heermance has been dismissed from the church of Tyossioc, and recommended to the Classis of Watervliet. The Rev. D. A. Jones has been installed pastor of the church at Easton; and the Rev. J. Dubois, of the church at Gansevoort. Only six have been added to the churches of this Classis on confession of their faith."

The Classis of Schenectady, in a plaintive voice, declare that as a general thing, "the ways of Zion do mourn." It does not appear, that in any of our churches there has been a special outpouring of the spirit. Amidst a good degree of outward prosperity, vital religion is in a languishing state. But few have been converted from the world, and Christians do not evince that degree of consistency and zeal, which might reasonably be expected from their privilege. The candidate Wm. Bailey, has been ordained and installed over the church at Guilderland.

The Classis of Ulster, say—"That although it is not our privilege to record any general and powerful outpouring of the spirit, yet a few of the churches report that they are encouraged to hope that a good work has commenced in their midst. They say that the stated means of grace have been enjoyed by all their churches; that the attendance in the house of God upon the ordinances of divine worship had been generally good, and highly encouraging, and in some of the churches there is an increasing at-

tention to the preaching of the gospel, and a growing interest in spiritual things. That family visitation has been attended to: that the children and youth have been instructed in catechetical and Bible classes: that the temperance cause is steadily advancing in our congregations—leading us to indulge the hope, that our churches will be prepared to meet the important question which is soon to be determined The following by the voice of the people. changes have occurred during the past year, in our pastoral relations. The Rev. J. McFarlane has been dismissed from the churches of Bloomingdale and Rosendale, and he has become united with the Classis of Montgomery. The Rev. J. C. F. Hoes has been received from the Classis of Cavuga, and installed over the church of Kingston. The candidate Thos. C. Strong has been received from the Classis of Long Island, and ordained and installed over the churches of Bloomingdale and Rosendale."

The Classis of Watervliet, report—"That their present state is very pleasing. The ordinances are faithfully administered, and the attention both punctual and gratifying. But, say they, it is with deep regret, that we notice the universal complaint that the gracious presence of God is so sparingly enjoyed. It would seem that the soil of the spiritual vineyard has been every where parched and withered. Few have united with the churches on confession of their

faith. Few are enquiring what they shall do to be saved. The Rev. Theodore F. Wyckoff has been installed over the south church of West Troy.

The Classis of Michigan has not forwarded to the Synod, a report of the state of religion within their bounds.

This review of the churches within the limits of this Synod, serves to convince us of the fact, that however prosperous may be the outward circumstances of the churches, they are very, very low as to spiritualities. They require the vigorous exercise of those peculiary distinctive Christian graces, faith and prayer, that while by the one, they clearly discern that which is spiritual and saving; they may, by the other, importunately and preservingly ask from the God of all grace, that he would bestow it upon them.

Respectfully submitted, HUGH M. BOYD, Chairman.

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ARTICLE IX.

REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

APPEALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CHURCH VISITATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XX.

DEPUTATI SYNODI.

The following were appointed, viz:

For the Classis of Albany.

PRIMARII.

SECUNDI.

Rev. S. Van Santvoord. Rev. J. H. Cornell.

For the Classis of Schenectady.

Rev.J.VanVechten, D.D. Rev. Abraham I. Swits.

For the Classis of Rensselaer.

Rev. Edwin Holmes. Rev. Benj. Van Zandt.

For the Classis of Schoharie.

Rev. Ransford Wells. Rev. G. Kerr.

For the Classis of Ulster.

Rev. C. Van Santvoord. Rev. Abraham Fort.

For the Classis of Washington.

Rev. J. H. Pitcher. Rev. Henry Morris.

For the Classis of Cayuga.

Rev. G. Abeel, D. D. Rev. John A. Liddell.

For the Classis of Orange.

Rev. Robert P. Lee. Rev. A. B. Van Zandt.

For the Classis of Greene.

Rev. Wm. Cahoone. Rev. Wm. A. Cornell.

For the Classis of Michigan.

Rev. A. B. Taylor. Rev. David McNeish.

For the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. J. M. Van Buren. Rev. C. G. McLean.

The following reports were received from Deputati Synodi, which were adopted:

The undersigned, Deputati Synodi for the Classis of Greene, would respectfully report, that he attended the examination of the candidates Wm. A. Miller, William Bailey and Jacob West, for licensure by the Classis of Albany, on the 29th July, 1845, and has much pleasure in stating that the examination was constitutionally conducted on the part of the Classis, and well sustained by the candidates.

DAVID MURDOCK, Dep. Syn.

The undersigned attended the regular fall session of the Classis of Ulster, 1845, when the licentiate, Thos. C. Strong, was examined for ordination. The requirements of the constitution were faithfully complied with, and the examination was satisfactorily sustained.

J. B. ALLIGER, Dep. Syn.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

The bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Bunschoten was read.

A communication was received from the Classis of Michigan, and referred to the committee on Classical minutes. On motion,

Resolved, That this Synod appoint six delegates to attend the World's Convention, to be held in London, 19th of August, 1846. The following were appointed: Rev. Wm. H. Campbell, D. D., of Albany, Rev. O. H. Gregory, of West Troy, Rev. J. Van Vechten, D. D., of Schenectady, Rev. G. Abeel, D. D., of Geneva, Rev. H. Mandeville, of Hamilton College, and the Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, of Newburgh.

Whereas, This Synod has appointed delegates to attend the World's Convention, to be held in in the city of London in August next; and Whereas, said convention is regarded as one of the greatest religious movements of the age. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the General Synod be urged to recommend to our churches, the holding of simultaneous meetings soliciting the blessing of God upon the convention in its deliberations.

ARTICLE XXII.

QUESTORATE.

The Questor presented the following account which was referred to the committee on the Questorate.

The Particular Synod of Albany in account with Wm. C. Miller, Questor.

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WM. C. MILLER, Questor.

Albany, May 5th, 1846.

The committee on the Questorate beg leave to report, that they have examined the Questor's account, and found it correct. That the balance in the Questor's hands, is \$81.66 The committee would further observe with regret, that they have been informed by a communication from Mr. Miller, that from causes beyond his control, he is under the necessity of resigning the office of Questor of this Synod. The committee, under these circumstances, would recommend that Mr. Miller's resignation be accepted, and that Mr. Edmund S. Herrick of Albany, be appointed in his stead.

DAVID MURDOCK, Chairman.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That in conformity with the above report, Mr. Edmund S. Herrick be and hereby is appointed the Questor of this Synod.

ARTICLE XXIII.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The following delegates were appointed:

From the Classis of Albany. PRIMARII.

MINISTERS.

ELDERS.

Rev. Wm. H. Campbell, D. D., Peter Van Buren,

" Jas. A. H. Cornell,

Theodore F. Cornell,

Samuel Robertson. G. R. Pinney.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Ralph Willis,

John McHarg,

" Staats Van Santvoord,

Albert Slingerland,

" I. N. Wyckoff, D. D.

Richard V. De Witt.

From the Classis of Schenectady.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Henry A. Raymond,

Abraham Pearse, Isaac Wemple,

. " W. P. Davis,

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" C. S. Mead.

Moses Buck.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. B. Crocker, T. Slingerland,
" W. Bailey, A. Livingston,
" Abraham I. Swits. Nicholas Swits.

From the Classis of Rensselaer.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John Gray,

" Peter S. Wynkoop,

" Geo. R. Williamson.

J. J. Kittle,

John De Freest,

Russel Judson.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Edward P. Stimpson,

" John De Witt,

" Elbert S. Porter.

" John Van Sinderen.

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Barent Van Buren.

From the Classis of Ulster.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Henry Ostrander, p. p., John U. Emerick,
"Samuel Harlow, Conradt Brodhead,
"Abraham Fort. James Martin.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Wm. Brush, Ezekiel Déyo,
" Cor's L. Van Dyck, Elijah Alliger,
" Cor's S. Van Santvoord. Luther Laflin.

From the Classis of Montgomery.

PRIMARII.

Rev. James McFarlane, Edward Walters,

" J. L. Starks, Henry Loucks,

" Douw Van OLinda. Andrew Bellenger.

SECUNDI.

Rev. James Murphy, p. p.,

John Frey,

James Hubbard,

James Donald.

Adam Bell.

From the Classis of Washington.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John H. Pitcher,

P. H. Wells,

" J. Barry,

G. S. Mott,

" J. Birkley.

L. S. Veile.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Abraham H. Myers,

L. Veile,

" David A. Jones,

J. Boice,

" John F. Schermerhorn. T. K. McLean.

From the Classis of Schoharie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Ambrose Eggleston,

Wm. Becker,

" E. S. Hammond, " Wm. Demarest.

John J. Haverly,

st. Wm. Borst.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. B Chittenden,

Herman Becker,

" Ransford Wells,

C. H. Van Dyck,

" Lawrence H. Van Dyck. Storm S. Becker.

From the Classis of Cayuga.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John A. Liddell,

R. Smith,

"Gustavus Abeel, p. p.,

J. Probasco.

" Wm. E. Turner.

S. Van Auken.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. B. Winfield,

L. S. Tryon,

" Cor's Gates,

J. Hasbrouck,

" Benjamin Bassler.

P. Conklin.

From the Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Robert P. Lee,

J. Jennings,

" G. P. Van Wyck,

R. Hardenburgh,

" John T. Demarest.

A. Strong.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Thomas B. Gregory,

A. Shafer,

" S. B. Ayres,

T. Clark,

" James B. Ten Eyck.

C. Winfield.

From the Classis of Greene.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Wm. R. S. Betts,

David G. Abeel,

" Wm. A. Cornell,

W. V. B. Heermance,

Jeremiah Searle.

Anthony M. Van Bergen.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Wm. Cahoone,

J. T. More,

" Ephraim De Puy,

Peter T. Mesick,

" David Murdock.

Liberty Preston.

From the Classis of Michigan.

PRIMARII.

Rev. A. B. Taylor,

George Young,

" David McNeish,

Wright L. Coffinberry,

« John Minor.

Stephen Miller.

SECUNDI.

None were appointed.

From the Classis of Watervliet.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John Whitbeck,

Charles Easton,

" Gilbert McP. Myers,

J. C. Schuyler,

" William Pitcher.

Francis Lansing.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Theodore F. Wyckoff,

Lewis Rousseau,

" Jacob A. Lansing,

Abraham Fonda,

" Oscar H. Gregory.

Samuel Crawford.

ARTICLE XXIV.

STATED CLERK.

Resolved, That the Rev. E. Holmes, the present Stated Clerk be continued.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to procure the printing of 200 copies of the Minutes of the present Synod, for distribution among the churches.

ARTICLE XXV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the next ordinary meeting of this Synod, be held in the Reformed Dutch Church at Fonda, on the 1st Wednesday of May, 1847, at 10 o'clock A. M.

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The doorkeeper's bill, amounting to \$1.00 was received and ordered to be paid.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Synod was concluded with prayer by the president.

ELBERT SLINGERLAND, President. HUGH M. BOYD, Adsessor.

T. F. WYCKOFF, C. L. VAN DYCK, C.

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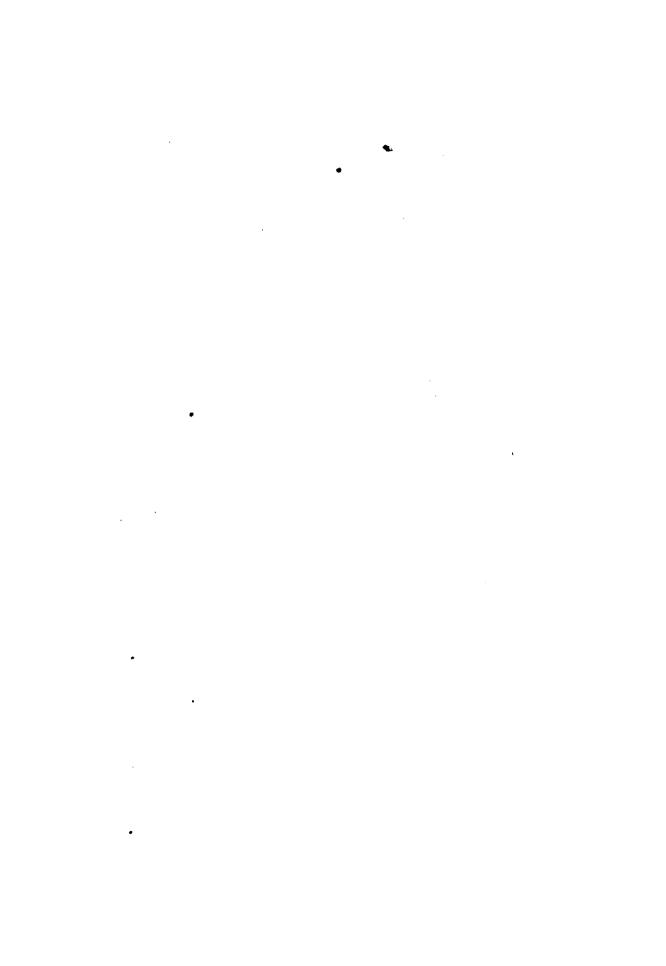
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MINUTES.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Particular Synod of Albany met according to adjournment, in the Reformed Dutch Church of Fonda, on Wednesday the 5th day of May, 1847, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and continued in session until 12 o'clock, M., of the second day. In the absence of the President, the chair was taken, and the Synod opened with prayer by the Rev. James B. Ten Eyck. A sermon was preached on the afternoon of the first day of the session, by the Rev. Henry Ostrander, D. D., from James i., 26, last clause.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

The following persons presented regular credentials, and took their seats as members of the Symod, viz:

From the Classis of Albany.

MINISTERS.

ELDERS.

Rev. James A. H. Cornell,

" Staats Van Santvoord.

From the Classis of Schenectady.

Rev. C. S. Mead,

Jeremiah Schuyler.

" Wilson Ingalls,

From the Classis of Rensselaer.

Rev. Benjamin Van Zandt,

John Bain.

" Edwin Holmes,

From the Classis of Washington.

Rev. Joseph Parry,

" John H. Pitcher

From the Classis of Schoharie.

Rev. John M. Scribner.

From the Classis of Ulster.

Rev. Henry Ostrander, D. D.,

Luther Laflin,

" Abraham Fort.

Elijah Alliger.

From the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. Douw Van OLinda,

Jacob V. A. Wemple,

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From the Classis of Cayuga.

No delegation.

From the Classis of Orange.

Rev. James B. Ten Eyck.

From the Classis of Greene.

Rev. William A. Cornell.

From the Classis of Michigan.

No delegation.

From the Classis of Wateroliet.

Rev. William Pitcher,

Charles Easton.

" Theodore F. Wyckoff.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Douw Van OLinda was chosen President; the Rev. James B. Ten Eyck, Adsessor, and the Rev. Theodore F. Wyckoff and James A. H. Cornell, Clerks.

ARTICLE 1V.

DELEGATES TO AND FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

No delegation from the Particulor Synod of New York appeared. Rev. Benjamin Van Zandt was appointed delegate primarius, and Rev. Staats Van Santvoord secundus, to attend the next stated meeting of the Particular Synod of New York, to be held in May, 1848.

ARTICLE V.

READING OF MINUTES.

The minutes of the last ordinary meeting were read.

ARTICLE VI.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE VII

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed, viz:

On Synodical Minutes—Rev. John H. Pitcher, William A. Cornell, and the elder Charles Easton.

On Classical Minutes—Rev. John H. Pitcher, James B. Ten Eyck, and the elder Elijah Alliger.

On the Synodical Report—Rev. James B. Ten Eyck, Benjamin Van Zandt, and the elder J. V. A. Wemple.

On the Questorate—Rev. John M. Scribner, Joseph Parry, and the elder E. Holmes.

On Overtures and Judicial Business—Rev. Theodore F. Wyckoff, C. S. Mead, and the elder John Bain.

ARTICLE VIII.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The committee on Synodical Minutes reported the following, which was adopted.

The committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully

REPORT

That there is nothing on the minutes, either of the Particular or General Synods, that claims the special attention of this body.

J. H. PITCHER, Chairman.

The committee on Classical Minutes presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

The committee on Classical Minutes respectfully

REPORT

That they have examined the books of the several Classes presented, and find the following items claiming the attention of this Synod.

On the minutes of the Classis of Albany, an appeal from a decision of that body, taken by the consistory of the church of Union.

Also, on the minutes of the Classis of Montgomery, an appeal of Elias P. Phelps, from a decision of the said Classis in the case of Rev. Dr. McLean.

The above items were referred to the committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

On the minutes of the Classis of Montgomery, a reference to the General Synod, respecting ministers not declared emeriti, neglecting their ministerial duties.

Also, a reference upon the minutes of the same Classis to General Synod, relating to a proposition to transfer the Fonda Academy to the Reformed Dutch Church.

Upon these references see Article IX.

On the minutes of the Classis of Washington they find two resolutions, giving the churches of Fort Miller and Tiossioch the privilege of employing Mr. Stebbins a licentiate, and Mr. Newton a minister of the Presbyterian Church, as stated supplies. The committee propose the following resolution:

Resolved, That the practice of supplying stated supplies, instead of calling pastors, is one entirely contrary to the genius of our churches, and unfriendly to her best interests, and therefore should be discountenanced by all our judicatories.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PITCHER, Chairman.

The Committee on the Synodical Report presented the following, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on the Synodical Report have attended to the duty assigned them, so far as the time allowed them has permitted, and would respectfully report to the Synod: That the reports from the Classes in general, are of a very uniform character. In all are found statements of a low state of religion. In many cases the decrease by deaths has exceeded the increase made to the churches during the past year. The state of religion has called forth a spirit of inquiry into the cause, "wherefore God hath forgotten to be gracious." It has, also, stimulated to examination, and directed the attention of the church to the only source of blessing and salvation. In the Classis of Greene it is noticed that the church of Catskill has been revived, and that forty-three have been added on one occasion, of whom thirty are heads of families, one of whom was baptized.

While such appears to be the state of religion, there are certain matters which as data, present prospective encouragement. In general there are no statements in respect of the prevalence of great sins. The ministrations of the sanctuary are well attended, and the means of grace generally employed. The cause of benevolent institutions has received more attention than usual. Temporal contracts have been better fulfilled, and the incubus on the prosperity of the churches produced by their debts, has been removed.

The following changes have occurred. In the Classis of Orange,

Rev. A. C. Hillman has been received from the Classis of Greene. and Rev. J. W. Ward from the Classis of Poughkeepsie. In the Classis of Ulster the Rev. E. Depuy has been received and installed pastor of the church at the Clove, and the Rev. John Watson has been dismissed from the church at Flatbush. In the Classis of Watervliet the Rev. Harrison Heermance has been dismissed, to connect himself with the Classis of Michigan, and Rev. John Gray has been received from the Classis of Rensselaer. In the Classis of. Schoharie the Rev. Nanning Bogardus has been received and installed pastor of the church at Sharon. The licentiate, Cyril Spaulding, has been ordained and installed over the church of Cobleskill and New Rhinebeck. The Rev. J. M. Scribner has been received, from the Classis of Cayuga. In the Classis of Montgomery, Rev. G. L. Roof has been installed pastor of the churches of Glen and Auriesville. Rev. J. Middlemas has been dismissed, to unite with the Classis of Albany. The Classis of Schoharie recommend to General Synod. the appointment of a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer. In conclusion, though this section of the church is not permitted to rejoice in large accessions, and though they have cause to mourn over prevalent indifference, yet they are furnished the grounds of encouragement from the consideration that many hindrances to the progress of the gospel are removed; that the ministry is faithful, and that we are responsible for our duty and not for success. Let us then be convinced that God is sovereign; that he withholds or confers his gracious influences, as it seemeth him good. And whilst we are made deeply sensible of the vanity of human efforts as a ground of dependence, let us use the means of grace diligently, believing there is a connection of means and ends, and perseveringly supplicate and patiently wait the divine blessing.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES B. TEN EYCK, Chairman.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

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ARTICLE IX.

REFERENCES.

The following is found upon the Minutes of the Classis of Montgomery, relating to the injunction of General Synod upon the subject of ministers not declared "emeriti," but who are living in the neglect of their ministerial duties, or who have devoted themselves to secular business. Vide Minutes of General Synod for 1846, page 68.

The committee of Classis to whom this injunction was referred, reported the following. That they have carefully considered this matter, and regard it as of great importance to call into active service so many of the brethren who are now unemployed, or engaged only in secular pursuits. The reason why so many of our ministers of requisite talents and learning are unemployed, may be found in part, at least, in the organization of our ecclesiastical system: and the remedy is in the hands of the church. Many, if not all of those brethren, would rejoice to be appointed to fields of useful labor, with a competent support secured. They have not felt themselves called to enter the field of foreign missions, nor would their acquirements, their habits, or the state of their families, warrant their entering into those fields. Nor does the present system of domestic missions open fields of labor, nor secure competent support on which they can rely. Not a few who have labored in that field, have felt themselves constrained to return from it. As the General Synod have enjoined on the Classes to command those brethren, who, without good reason, have engaged in worldly business to return to their duty under the penalty of the discipline enjoined by the church for such offences, and require them to exercise their sacred functions; the committee deem it incumbent on the Synod to designate the fields in which these brethren shall be required to labor, and to provide the nucessary means for their support. They recommend the following resolution.

Resolved, That the above suggestion be especially recommended to the attention of the next General Synod.

This Synod have heard the proposition submitted by the Classis of Montgomery, to make the Fonda Academy an institution of the Reformed Dutch Church, according to the terms proposed by the president of the board of trustees, and adopt the following resolution.

Resolved, That the same be referred to the notice of the General Synod.

ARTICLE X.

APPEALS.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business, reported that the appeal of the consistory of the church of Union, from a decision of the Classis of Albany, restoring Mr. John Hendrickson to the communion of the church, whom said church had suspended, was in order.

The Rev. S. V. E. Westfall was accredited as commissioner from the church of Union.

Rev. Staats Van Santvoord and James A. H. Cornell were accredited as commissioners from the Classis of Albany.

The appeal was taken up in the following order.

- 1. The decision appealed from was read.
- 2. The appeal and reasons of appeal were read.
- 3. All the documents in the case were read in the order prescribed by the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.
- 4. The Church of Union was heard by its commissioner, Rev. S. V. E. Westfall.
- The Classes was heard by their commissioners, Messrs. Van Santvoord and Cornell.

The parties having withdrawn, Synod proceeded to deliberate and decide.

The following resolution was proposed.

Resolved, That the appeal be sustained.

The question upon this resolution being taken, it was decided in the affirmative.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported that an appeal of Elias P. Phelps, from a decision of the Classis of Montgomery, is in order, and comes regularly before the Synod. Mr. Phelps not appearing to prosecute his appeal, the Synod adopted the following resolution.

Resolved, That the appeal of Elias P. Phelps, from a decision of the Classis of Montgomery, be considered as relinquished.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CHURCH VISITATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XX.

DEPUTATI SYNODI.

The following were appointed, viz:

For the Classis of Albany.

PRIMARII.

SECUNDI.

Rev. James A. H. Cornell,

Rev. Duncan Kennedy, D. D.

For the Classis of Schenectady.

Rev. Abraham I. Swits,

Rev. Cornelius S. Mead.

For the Classis of Rensselaer.

Rev. Benjamin Van Zandt,

Rev. Elbert S. Porter.

For the Classis of Schoharie.

Rev. Ransford Wells,

Rev. John M. Scribner.

For the Classis of Ulster.

Rev. Abraham Fort,

Rev. Henry Ostrander, D. D.

For the Classis of Washington.

Rev. Henry Morris,

Rev. Joseph Parry.

For the Classis of Cayuga.

Rev. John A. Liddell,

Rev. Benjamin Bassler,

For the Classis of Orange.

Rev. Abraham B. Van Zandt, Rev. J. B. Alliger.

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For the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. James Murphy, D. D., Rev. J. L. Starks.

For the Classis of Greens.

Rev. William A. Cornell,

Rev. Jeremiah Searle.

For the Classis of Michigan.

Rev. David McNeish,

Rev. Harrison Heermance.

For the Classis of Watervliet.

Rev. Oscar H. Gregory,

Rev. Theodore F. Wyckoff.

The following reports were received from Deputati Synodi, and approved.

To the President of the Particular Synod of Albany:

The undersigned, a Deputatus Synodus for the Classis of Schenectady, attended a meeting of the Classis of Montgomery, on the 3d of November, 1846, at the church of Canajoharie, when the candidate Garret L. Roof was examined by said Classis, and has the satisfaction to report, that the examination was constitutionally and impartially conducted, and well sustained by the candidate.

ABRAHAM I. SWITS.

Schenectady, May 3, 1847.

To the Rev. Particular Synod of Albany:

The undersigned, one of your Deputatus Synodus, respectfully report, that being duly notified, he attended a special meeting of the Classes of Greene, held in the Coxsackie Landing church, on Tuesday the 10th of November last, and superintended the examination of the candidates Paul D. Van Cleef and A. V. Wyckoff for the gospel ministry. The examination was in all respects conducted conformably to the requirements of the constitution, and fully sustained.

STAATS VAN SANTVOORD, Dep. Syn.

To the Particular Synod of Albany:

The undersigned, Deputatus Synodus of the Classis of Montgomery, respectfully reports to the Particular Synod of Albany, that he has attended the examination of the following candidates for licensure, and ordination to the work of the ministry.

- 1. By the Classis of Schoharie on the 11th of August last, for licensure, Mr. Sapenus Seber, and on the 23d of February last, for ordination, Mr. Cyril Spaulding.
- 2. By the Classis of Schenectady on the 25th of August last, for ordination, John Lansing.
- 3. By the Classis of Cayuga on the 13th of October last, for ordination, Jacob Dutcher, and on the 20th of April last by the same Classis, for ordination, Mr. J. Compton.

All these examinations were conducted according to the constitution of the Reformed Dutch Church, with fidelity, care, and good order, and were well sustained by the canditates, and in most instances with much credit to themselves and the school of the prophets in our church, from which they came.

JOHN M. VAN BUREN, Dep. Syn. Fultonville, May 5th, 1847.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

The communication containing the bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Bunschoten was read.

ARTICLE XXII.

QUESTORATE.

The Questor presented the following account, which was referred to the Committee on the Questorate.

The Particular Synod of Albany in account with E. S. Herrick, Questor.

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Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SCRIBNER, Chairman.

ARTICLE XXIII.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The following delegates were appointed:

From the Classis of Albany.

Pl	RIMARII.
MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. D. Kennedy, D. D.,	John Q. Wilson,
" S. V. E. Westfall,	Garret L. Dox,
" S. Van Sanford,	Leonard G. Ten Eyck.
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Rev. I. N. Wyckoff, D. D.,	R. V. De Witt,
" James A. H. Cornell,	T. Van Vechten,
" Samuel Robertson,	Andrew Vanderpoel.
From the Cla	ssis of Schenectady.
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Rev. John B. Steele,	D. McDonald,
" William Bailey,	John Sanders,
" A. B. Crocker,	Myndert Veeder.
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SECUNDI. Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, Peter Shaver,

" Henry A. Raymond, Isaac Wemple, " Abraham I. Swits, H. Furberk.

From the Classis of Rensselaer.

RIMARI

Rev. Edward P. Stimson,

" Edwin Holmes,

" Elbert S. Porter,

M. Hulsapple,

John Bain,

Barent Van Buren.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John De Witt,

" Benjamin Van Zandt, George R. Williamson,

Teunis G. Snyder, P. B. Van Slyck,

G. I. Kittle.

From the Classis of Ulster.

PRIMARII.

Rev. William Brush,

" Cornelius L., Van Dyck,

" C. Van Santvoord,

Elijah Alliger,

G. Auchmody,

J. G. Mynderse.

🏂 SECUNDI.

Rev. M. L. Schenck,

P. G. Snyder,

" Cornelius Wyckoff, " J. C. Cruickshank, C. J. Dyes,

Benjamin A. Newkirk.

From the Classis of Schoharie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Jacob West,

" Lawrence L. Van Dyck,

" Ransford Wells,

D. J. Warner, Christian P. Zeh,

Storm S. Becker.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Nanning Bogardus,

" John M. Scribner,

" John M. Scribner,
" Cyril Spaulding,

P. Lampman,

A. D. Hager,

J. Patrie.

From the Classis of Montgomery.

PRIMARII.

[₹]ev. Charles Jukes,

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John Frey,

Edward Walters,

Thomas Schuyler.

SECUNDI.

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S Joseph Knieskern,

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J. H. Meyer,

James Lasher.

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THACII.

Rev. C. H. Chester,

" J. Dubois,

" Abraham H. Myers,

P. V. N. Morris,

William Wilson.

J. Boice.

SECUNDI.

Rev. H. Slawson,

" David A. Jones,

" Joseph Parry,

J. Vanderwarker,

B. C. Schermerhorn,

J. W. Groesbeck.

From the Classis of Cayuga.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Benjamin Bassler,

" A. B. Winfield,

" C. Wyley,

P. Conklin,

L. S. Tryon,

C. Brodh

SECUNDI.

Rev. Gustavus Abeel,

" James Abell,

" J. Hammond,

J. Prolasco,

R. Smith,

J. Hasbrouck.

From the Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. B. Alliger,

" S. B. Ayres,

" James Demerest,

J. D. Decker,

E. Smith.

J. Scofield.

SECUNDI.

Rev. G. P. Van Wyck,

" Abraham B. Van Zandt,

" S. W. Mills,

A. Staats,

A. Belknap,

T. Jessup.

From the Classis of Greene.

PRIMARII.

Rev. David Murdock,

" Paul D. Van Cleef,

" A. V. Wyckoff,

Garret W. Sager,

William V. B. Heermance,

Abraham Van Vechten,

SECUNDI.

Rev. William Lyall,

" William A. Cornell,

" William R. S. Betts,

Joseph Sax,

F. A. Fenn

John T. M

From the One Michigan.

PERAWI.

Rev. Harrison Heermance,

" Asa Bennett,

" J. Minor,

George Young,

W. L. Coffinberry,

S. Miller.

SECUNDI.

None.

From the Classis of Watervliet.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Oscar H. Gregory,

" John Whitbeck,

" Jacob A. Lansing,

Samuel Crawford.

I. Van Vechten, Henry Frazee.

SECUNDI.

Rev. William Pitcher,

M. Whitbeck, J. C. Schuyler,

" Theodore F. Wyckoff, " John Gray,

D. A. Fonda.

ARTICLE XXIV.

STATED CLERK.

Resolved, That the present Stated Clerk be continued.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to procure the publication of 200 copies of the Minutes of the present Synod, for distribution among the churches.

ARTICLE XXV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the Synod adjourn to meet in the Reformed Dutch Church of West Troy, on the 1st Wednesday of May, 1848, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The doorkeeper's bill, amounting to \$1.78, was received and orered to be paid. The minutes were read and approved, and the synod adjourned with prayer by the President.

DOUW VAN OLINDA, President. JAMES B. TEN EYCK, Adsessor.

J. A. H. Collect, Clerks.

A true copy from the original minutes.

EDWIN HOLMES, Stated Clerk.



MINUTES

OF THE

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CONVENED AT

WEST TROY, N. Y., MAY 3, 1848,

ALBANY:

JOEL MUNSELL, PRINTER,

1848.

From the Classis of Rensselaer.

Rev. Edwin Holmes
" Elbert Nevius

Peter J. Van Slyke Philip T. Harder

From the Classis of Washington.

Rev. Charles H. Chester

John Patterson

" John Dubois

From the Classis of Schoharie.

Rev. Ransford Wells

Daniel Arner

" Jacob West

From the Classis of Ulster.

Rev. C. Van Santvoord

Peter B. Myer

" Martin L. Schenck

From the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. G. L. Roof

Henry J. Devendorf

" John M. Van Buren

From the Classis of Cayuga.

Rev. John V. Henry.

From the Classis of Orange.

Rev. John W. Ward

Israel Crawford

" S. W. Mills

Smith Purdy

From the Classis of Greene.

Rev. David Murdock

Abm. Van Vechten

" Wm. R. S. Betts

From the Classis of Michigan.

No delegation

From the Classis of Watervliet.

Rev. Oscar H. Gregory
"John Whitbeck

Andrew Meneely

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Rev. John W. Ward was chosen President; Rev Cornelius Van Santvoord, Adsessor, and the Rev. S. W. Mills and Jacob West, Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

DELEGATES TO AND FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

None appeared from the Particular Synod of New York.

Rev. Edwin Holmes was appointed a delegate to attend the next stated meeting of the Particular Synod of New York, to be held in May, 1849.

ARTICLE V.

READING OF MINUTES.

The minutes of the last stated meeting were read.

ARTICLE VI.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE VII.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed, viz.:

On Synodical Minutes—Rev. David Murdock, William R. S. Betts, and the elder Abraham Van Vechten.

On Classical Minutes—Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, John B. Steele, and the elder Aaron Putman.

On the Synodical Report—Martin L. Schenck, John Dubois, and the elder Israel Crawford.

On the Questorate—Rev. Charles H. Chester, Elbert Nevius, and the elder William G. Van Vliet.

On Overtures and Judicial Business—Cornelius Van Santwoord, Martin L. Schenck, and the elder Aaron Putman.

ARTICLE VIII.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes presented the following, which was adopted.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully

REPORT:

That there is nothing in the minutes of the Particular or General Synods, that claims the special attention of this body.

DAVID MURDOCK, Chairman.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported; their report was adopted, and is as follows.

The Committee on Classical Minutes

REPORT:

That they have examined the minutes of the following Classes, viz.: the Classis of Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Ulster, Orange, Greene, Montgomery, Washington, Watervliet and Michigan. The Committee find these books in good order. The Committee find on the minutes of the Classis of Schenectady, a notice of an appeal and complaint of A. G. Fonda, referred to this Synod.

Also a notice of an appeal on the minutes of the Classis of Orange, taken by the consistory of the church of New Prospect. Also a reference in said minutes to General Synod, in relation to the Psaim and Hymn Book, pages 118 and 119.

On the minutes of the Classis of Albany, the Committee find that the Classis approved a call, without having the instrument before them, which requires the attention of this body.

Also a notice of an appeal to this Synod, on the minutes of the Classis of Watervliet.

On the minutes of the Classis of Michigan, are the following resolutions, viz.:

Resolved, That the present name of our church presents a strong barrier to our success in planting and extending her institutions in the west.

Resolved, Therefore, that this Classis would earnestly press upon the attention of the Particular Synod of Albany, the propriety of memorializing the General Synod on the subject of the change of our present name, recommending them to make such change as shall exclude our present national cognomen, and adopt such other as shall appear in their wisdom best.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. STEELE, Chairman.

So much of the above report as relates to appeals and complaints, was referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

On the resolutions of the Classis of Michigan, the following was adopted.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient at the present time to agitate the matter of our ecclesiastical name, in the General Synod.

On the proceedings above named, of the Classis of Albany, the following was adopted.

Resolved, That the Classis of Albany, in approving a call upon the Rev. John A. Lansing, which was never presented to them, and which they had never seen, have made a dangerous precedent, and acted irregularly. And especially when there is so large a minority as six members objecting, their objections should have been regarded.

The Committee on the Synodical Report presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on the Synodical Report would present the following:

In viewing, as a synod, this section of our Zion, we must confess that, as in years past, so now, the state of religion gives much cause for sorrow and solicitude among the devoted followers of Jesus. The spirit of the world had intruded upon the humble, self-denying and devout spirit of the gospel. Even worldly wisdom and carnal policy is readily resorted to, to advance the interests of, and sustain the institutions of the church. A certain lukewarmness and indifference seem to

pervade all classes, so that any theme that presents itself, excites interest more than the cross of Christ. We cannot hide it from ourselves, that the church as a whole is suffering under the hidings of God's countenance. But we are called toreport, that every classical return assures us, of the universal prevalence of unity, peace, and quietness; the regular and_ faithful administration of the means of grace; a good, (and in_ many places) increased and attentive auditory, and an increase in contributions to benevolent objects. These facts at a glance would seem to conflict with each other; but still they are facts established by the clearest testimony. They can be accounted for only by the prevalence of formalism, and failing to cultivate the inner graces of the Spirit. But by them we are taught to know our dependence, to feel our helplessness, and to realize that "power belongeth unto God." For if we see human instrumentality faithfully employed, and yet fail in its results, we have a practical illustration that "Paul may plant and Apollos water, but God gives the increase." But may not these facts also prompt the inquiry, whether our efforts. though regular and comparatively faithful, have been attended with that spirit of prayer that lively faith in the promise of God's ever present spirit, and that soul-exciting and soulabsorbing zeal, that should make us travail in birth for our people, until Christ is formed in them. This is certain, that while God has withholden his promised spirit, it is not because his arm is shortened, or his ear heavy; but we are straitened in ourselves. It becomes us to inquire why we are so? Yea. let us as officers of his house, "The ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, saying, spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thy heritage to reproach."

But we are not without a witness of God's goodness during the past year. And we are encouraged to hope that, as we can, this year, report more favorably than the past, that God will yet be gracious. The Classis of Albany report, that in two churches within their bounds, an extensive revival has prevailed, and other churches are not without encouraging indications. The Classis of Rensselaer report, in all their churches an increased attention to the messages of truth, and in two or three churches a precious revival has been enjoyed. The Classis of Ulster report, one church within their limits that has been a partaker of the Spirit's reviving influence. The Classis of Orange reports, that they have had, in one or two churches among them, cheering indications of the Spirit's presence. These are bright spots upon which we love to dwell, and in view of which we would "thank God, and take courage."

Ministerial changes. The Classis of Albany are about to install the Rev. D. A. Jones, as pastor over the church of Union, and the Rev. J. A. Lansing as pastor over the second church of Bethlehem. The last named church has been organized during the past year. In the Classis of Rensselaer, the Rev. Wm. Bailey, from the Classis of Schenectady, has been installed pastor of the church of Schodack. The Rev. G. R. Williamson has been dismissed, to unite with the Classis of Bergen, and the pastoral relation between him and the second church of Ghent, has been dissolved. The Rev. J. C. Vandervoort, from the Classis of Ulster, has been received, and will be installed pastor of the second church of Ghent. In the Classis of Ulster, the church of Woodstock has settled the Rev. A. Gulick as their pastor. The connection between New Paltz and the Rev. J. C. Vandervoort, has been dissolved, and the Rev. V. M. Hulburt has been received from the Classis of New York, and is about to be installed over the church of Flatbush. In the Classis of Washington the pastoral connection between the church of Easton and the Rev. D. A. Jones, has been dissolved, as also that between the church at Union Village and the Rev. R. Morris, and the Rev. Uriah Marvin has been ordained and installed over said church. Rev. A. H. Myers has been dismissed to the Classis of Montgomery. The Rev. J. H. Ackerson has, for a faithless desertion of office, been deposed from the ministry. In the Classis of Schenectady, the Rev. W. P. Davis has been dismissed from the church of Princetown, and installed over that of Helderburgh. Rev. J. A. Lansing has been dismissed, to unite with the Classis of Albany. Rev. A. B. Crocker has been

dismissed to the Congregational Association of Brooklyn and New York. In the Classis of Orange, the pastoral relation between the church of Minisink and the Rev. J. Bookstaver, has been dissolved. In the Classis of Watervliet, a new church has been organized, called the South Reformed Dutch Church of Rensselaer, in Watervliet. In the Classis of Montgomery the Rev. J. H. Carl has been received from the Presbytery of North River, and installed over the churches of Currytown and Mapletown; and the Rev. David B. Hall has been received from the Association of Paulett, in Vermont. In the Classis of Greene, the pastoral relation between the church of Kiskaton and the Rev. Mr. Lyall, has been dissolved, and the Rev. John L. See has been installed pastor of that church.

MARTIN L. SCHENCK, Chairman.

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Ministers without charge.—Rev. Paul Weidman, Cornelius Bogardus, John M. Scribner, George Kerr, Alanson B. Chittenden, and Elihu Doty, Missionary to China.

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ARTICLE IX.

REFERENCES.

The following memorial was received.

To the Particular Synod of Albany, the undersigned begs leave to present the following memorial, in relation to the acts of the Classis of Montgomery, convened in special session at Fort Plain, October 28, 1847.

By reference to the minutes of classis, it will be discovered that at an adjourned session at Canajoharie, October 12, 1847, a resolution was passed, dissolving the connexion between the Rev. C. G. McLean, D. D., and the Reformed Dutch Church of Fort Plain. Whereupon Dr. McLean gave notice that he should appeal from this decision of classis to the next General Synod. John H. Moyer also gave notice that he should complain of this act of classis to the next General Synod; and the Rev. D. Van OLinda and J. M. Van Buren were appointed commissioners to defend the action of classis.

This meeting of classis was constitutionally convened. It was an adjourned session to attend to this particular business, as appears from the minutes of the stated semi-annual session at Mohawk, September 21, 1847. There was a constitutional quorum present, ten ministers and ten elders.

At a subsequent special session, held at Fort Plain, October 28, 1847, the classis resolved to reconsider the act of dissolution; whereupon Dr. McLean was permitted to resume his pastoral relation, and the whole matter thrown into an entirely different position, which will be seen from the record of Classis. It was contended by those that were opposed to this proceeding, that it was unconstitutional, and must, on that account, be void and of no effect.

The undersigned, who was one that entertained this view of the acts in question, respectfully presents this matter for the consideration of Particular Synod, that if, in their judgment it is so, to annul these proceedings done at Fort Plain, October 28, 1847. So that those which took place at the previous meeting of Classis at Canajoharie, may stand in full

validity, and as such, go up to General Synod by the appeal or complaint which is taken from them, and be defended by the persons then appointed to discharge that duty.

J. M. VAN BUREN.

Fultonville, April 29, 1848.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the foregoing memorial be referred to the consideration of General Synod.

ARTICLE X.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported an appeal of A. G. Fonda, from a decision of the Classis of Schenectady, upon the subject of an election of one elder and two deacons, by the church of Schenectady; to which election the said Fonda objected. This appeal being found to have come regularly before this body, Synod resolved to take it up.

The Rev. W. W. Halloway was accredited as a commissioner from the Classis of Schenectady.

Rev. J. B. Steele appeared in behalf of Mr. Fonda.

Synod took up the appeal in the following order:

- 1. The decision appealed from was read.
- 2. The appeal and reasons of appeal were read.
- 3. All the documents in the case were read.
- 4. The appellant was heard by the Rev. J. B. Steele.
- 5. Classis was heard by their commissioner, Rev. W. W. Halloway.
- 6. The parties having withdrawn, Synod proceeded to deliberate and decide.

The following resolution was proposed and adopted.

Resolved, That the appeal be not sustained, for the following reasons:

1. Because no evidence was presented to the consistory of the church of Schenectady, or the classis, of the truth of the facts alleged in the reasons of appeal, and therefore it does not appear in any of the proceedings, that the persons objected to were heretical in doctrine, immoral in practice, or neglectful of their duty as members of the church.

- 2. The Dutch church has never decided that the mere connection with a secret society is ipso facto, inconsistent with membership, or disqualifies a member from holding office.
- 3. The action of the consistory and classis, appears to have been orderly and constitutional.

The appellant gave notice through the Rev. Mr. Steele, of his intention to appeal to General Synod. Whereupon Synod appointed Rev. Martin L. Schenck and R. Wells, to defend their proceedings in this case before the General Synod.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported a second appeal, taken by A. G. Fonda, from a decision of the Classis of Schenectady, upon the subject of the ordination of one elder and two deacons, by the church of Schenectady, while an appeal upon the subject of their election was pending. This appeal being found in order, was taken up by Synod, in the following order. The Rev. W. W. Halloway being accredited as a commissioner from the classis, and the Rev. J. Van Vechten, D. D., a commissioner from the church of Schenectady.

- 1. The decision appealed from was read.
- 2. The appeal and reasons of appeal were read.
- 3. All the documents in the case were read.
- 4. The appellant was heard by Rev. J. B. Steele.
- 5. Classis was heard by its commissioner, Rev. W. W. Halloway.
 - 6. The consistory was heard by Rev. J. Van Vechten, D. D.
- 7. The parties having withdrawn, Synod proceeded to deliberate and decide.

When the following resolution was proposed and adopted.

Resolved, That the appeal be not sustained, for the following reasons:

1. Because it is the prerogative of the consistory to decide upon the fitness of persons elected, to become members of their body. They therefore have the right to proceed to their ordination, subject, however, to the approval or disapproval of the higher courts.

- 2. If an appeal from a decision of consistory, declaring a person qualified for office, could stay proceedings, a discontented or factious member might prevent the change of consistory during his life time.
- 3. It does not appear that Dr. A. J. Fonda has been deprived of any right, as the constitution only gives him the right of appeal, and that right he has exercised.

The appellant gave notice, by Rev. J. B. Steele, of his intention to appeal from this decision to the next General Synod.

Synod appointed Rev. M. L. Schenck and R. Wells, to defend their proceedings in this case before the General Synod.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported that they found an appeal upon the minutes of the Classis of Orange, taken from a decision of said Classis by the consistory of the church of New Prospect. This decision relates to the appointment of a board of trustees by said church. The appeal was reported as regularly taken, and therefore Synod resolved to take it up.

The Rev. John T. Demerest and the Elder Israel Crawford were accredited as commissioners from the church of New Prospect.

The Rev. John W. Ward and S. W. Mills were accredited. as commissioners from the Classis of Orange.

The appeal was taken up in the following order.

- 1. The decision appealed from was read.
- 2. The appeal and reasons of appeal were read.
- 3. All the documents in the case were read.
- 4. The church of New Prospect was heard by their commissioners, Messrs. Demerest and Crawford.
- 5. Rev. S. W. Mills and J. W. Ward were heard in behalf of the Classis of Orange.

The parties having withdrawn, Synod proceeded to deliberate and decide.

The following resolution was proposed and adopted.

Resolved, That the appeal be not sustained, for the following reasons:

- 1. Because the attempt of the congregation of New Prospect to create a board of trustees, separate from the consistory, to whom are entrusted the temporalities of the church, has introduced a body unknown to the constitution of the church.
- 2. Because the special act in reference to the Reformed Dutch Church, in the laws of the state of New York, constitutes the consistories of the Reformed Dutch Churches the legal and only trustees, to hold the property and manage the temporalities of their respective churches.

The church of New Prospect gave notice by their commissioners, of their intention to appeal from the above decision to the next General Synod.

Whereupon the Synod appointed the Rev. Messrs. M. L. Schenck and R. Wells, to defend their proceedings in this case before the General Synod.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported that they found upon the minutes of the Classis of Watervliet, a paper signed D. Carpenter, containing certain charges against the consistory of the church of Cohoes, with a notice of an appeal to the Particular Synod, founded on these charges. As no person has appeared before the Synod to prosecute this appeal, the Committee recommended that no action be had in the case.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CHURCH VISITATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XX.

DEPUTATI SYNODI.

The following were appointed, viz.:

For the Classis of Albany.

PRIMARII.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Wm. H. Campbell, D. D. Rev. Duncan Kennedy, D. D.

For the Classis of Schenectady.

Rev. Cor's S. Mead,

Rev. John B. Steele,

For the Classis of Rensselaer.

Rev. Elbert S. Porter,

Rev. Elbert Nevius.

For the Classis of Schoharie.

Rev. Jacob West,

Rev. E. S. Hammond.

For the Classis of Ulster.

Rev. Henry Ostrander, D. D., Rev. C. Van Santvoord.

For the Classis of Washington.

Rev. Joseph Parry,

Rev. Henry Morris.

For the Classis of Cayuga.

Rev. Benj. Bassler,

Rev. Gustavus Abeel, D. D.

For the Classis of Orange.

Rev. J. B. Alliger,

Rev. S. B. Ayres.

For the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. John L. Starks,

Rev. Douw Van OLinda.

For the Classis of Greene.

Rev. Jeremiah Searle,

Rev. Wm. R. S. Betts.

For the Classis of Michigan.

Rev. Harrison Heermance,

Rev. Asa Bennett.

For the Classis of Watervlict.

Rev. Theo. F. Wyckoff,

Rev. Wm. Pitcher.

The following reports were received from Deputati Synodi, and approved, viz.:

To the Particular Synod of Albany.

The undersigned, a Deputatus Synodus for the Classis of Schenectady, attended, by invitation, a meeting of the Classis of Montgomery, at Canajoharie, October 13, 1847, assembled for the purpose of examining, with a view to settlement within their bounds, the Rev. J. H. Carle, from the Presbytery of North River, (Old School,) and the Rev. David B. Hall, from the Paulett Association of Vermont, and would report, that said examinations were conducted with strictness, propriety, and justice, and were well sustained by the above named gentlemen.

ABRAHAM I. SWITS, Dep. Syn.

To the Particular Synod of Albany.

The undersigned, Deputati Synodi, report to the Synod that they were called on the 20th of May, 1847, to attend the examination of Alexander Gulick, a member of the Presbytery of Miami, Ohio, for reception into the Classis of Ulster, with a view to his settlement over the Reformed Dutch Church of Woodstock; that the examination was conducted on the different branches of thological literature, for eight hours, with commendable strictness and impartiality, and in accordance

with the requisitions of the constitution of the church, in such case made and provided. R. P. LEE, Jr.,

WM. A. CORNELL,

Dep. Syn.

To the President of the Particular Synod of Albany.

The undersigned, Deputatus Synodus for the Classis of Cayuga, being duly notified, attended a special meeting of the Classis of Schoharie, held in the Reformed Dutch Church of New Rhinebeck, on Tuesday, June 22, 1847, when the candidate, Safrenus Seeber, Jun., was examined by said Classis, and he has the satisfaction to report, that the examination was constitutionally and impartially conducted, and well sustained by the candidate.

B. BASSLER, Dep. Syn.

The following, which was received without signature, was certified to by the Rev. J. V. Henry, as a report from Rev. J. Murphy, D. D., upon the subject to which it refers.

The undersigned, Deputatus Synodus, reports that he attended an extra meeting of the Classis of Cayuga, in the village of Ithaca, on the 26th of April, called for the purpose of examining the candidate, J. A. Davenport, a graduate of the Theological Seminary, of 1847, who is a missionary, laboring on the Thousand Islands in the River St. Lawrence, with a view to his ordination to the gospel ministry. Your Deputatus is happy to report, that the examination was conducted by the Classis with kindness and fidelity in all the branches prescribed by the constitution; and that Mr. Davenport acquitted himself to the entire satisfaction of Classis and your Deputatus, and in such a manner as to give a good hope of his becoming a devoted and useful missionary.

To the Particular Synod of Albany.

The undersigned, a Deputatus Synodus for the Classis of Schenectady, attended a meeting of the Classis of Washington, held at Union Village, February 22, 1848, for the purpose of examining, with a view to ordination and settlement, Uriah Marvin, Jr., a licentiate from the Troy Presbytery, and would respectfully report, that said examination was conducted in

accordance with the requirements of the constitution, and was tolerably well sustained by the candidate, with the exception of the original languages of scripture, to which he frankly confessed he had given little or no attention.

ABRAHAM I. SWITS, Dep. Syn.

To the Particular Synod of Albany.

The undersigned reports that he attended, as Deputatus Synodus, a meeting of the Classis of Washington, held in Union Village, on the 22d of February, 1848, for the purpose of examining Uriah Marvin, Jr., with a view to ordination and settlement. The examination was conducted according to the constitution, except the omission of the examination upon the Hebrew language, which was dispensed with, the candidate not having studied it.

O. H. GREGORY, Dep. Syn.

. Upon the case embraced in the last two reports, the Synod adopted the following preamble and resolution.

Whereas, It appears from the reports of the Deputatus Synodus, that the Classis of Washington dispensed with the study of the Hebrew language in the examination of Mr. Marvin. Therefore

Resolved, That in dispensing with the study of the Hebrew in the examination and ordination of Mr. Marvin, the Classis of Washington have acted unconstitutionally, and assumed the prerogative of the General Synod.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

The communication containing the bequest of the Rev. Elias Vanbunschoten was read.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to procure a blank book for the records of this Synod.

ARTICLE XXII.

QUESTORATE.

The Questor presented the following account, which was referred to the Committee on the Questorate.

The Particular Synod of Albany, in account with E. S. Herrick, Questor.

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		Respectfully submitted,							
		E. S. HERRICK, Questor.							

The Committee on the Questorate reported the following, which was adopted.

The Committee to whom the Questor's account was referred, report that they have examined the same, and have found it correct. The balance now in the hands of the Questor, is \$67.54. Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. CHESTER, Ch'n.

ARTICLE XXIII.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The following delegates were appointed, viz.:

From the Classis of Albany.

PRIMARII.

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Rev. I. N. Wyckoff, D. D.,

" R. Willis,

" J. Middlemas,

ELDERS.

Teunis Van Vechten,

Abraham F. Lansing,

G. A. Oliver.

Rev. W. H. Campbell, D. D., E. S. Herrick,

" J. A. H. Cornell,

G. R. Pinney,

" S. Van Santvoord, C

Cor's Secor.

From the Classis of Schenectady.

SECUNDI.

PRIMARII.

Rev. W. W. Halloway,

" Abraham I. Swits,

" J. Vandervolgen,

A. Van Antwerp,

P. Symeson,

N. V. Fort.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. B. Steele,

" H. A. Raymond,

" C. S. Mead,

A. Van Hoovenburgh,

H. H. Truax,

N. Swits.

From the Classis of Rensselaer.

PRIMARII.

Rev. P. S. Wynkoop,

" John De Witt,

" B. Van Zandt,

Col. De Freest,

Thos. F. Mesick, J. C. Everts.

SECUNDI.

Rev. E. P. Stimpson,

" Wm. Bailey,

" E. S. Porter.

Wm. Holsapple,

Henry Mesick,

Martin Mesick.

From the Classis of Ulster.

PRIMARII.

Rev. M. L. Schenck,

" C. Wyckoff,

" J. C. Cruickshank,

Severyn Bruyn,

J. V. L. Overbaugh,

B. A. Newkirk.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. C. F. Hoes,

" Thos. C. Strong.

Ephraim E. Depuy,

J. Burhans,

F. S. M. Snyder,

Elijah Alliger.

From the Classis of Schoharie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. E. S. Hammond.

" Wm. Demerest,

" Cyril Spaulding,

J. Lewis,

S. S. Becker,

P. Ferris,

SECUNDI.

Rev. R. Wells,

" A. B. Chittenden,

" J. West,

C. H. Van Dyck,

Wm. Beeker.

Zadock Bennet.

From the Classis of Montgomery.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. Murphy, D. D.,

" J. L. Starks,

" J. Stevenson,

J. H. Moyer,

E. Walters,

C. Bellinger.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. McFarlane,

" D. Van OLinda,

" J. Knieskern,

C. Baird,

Adam Bell,

J. V. A. Wemple.

From the Classis of Washington.

PRIMARII.

Rev. H. Slawson,

L. B. Thompson,

" J. H. Pitcher,

O. Brisbane,

" J. F. Schermerhorn, L. Viele.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Chas. H. Chester,

" John Dubois,

" Henry Morris,

T. K. McLean,

J. Boies.

S. J. Mott.

From the Classis of Cayuga.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Jacob C. Dutcher,

John A. Liddell,

" Cor's Gates,

L. I. Hasbrouck,

W. B. Van Waggonen,

P. Loundsberry.

SECUNDI.

Rev. James Abell,

" A. B. Winfield,

" Benj. Bassler,

P. Q. Van Middlesworth,

J. Van Vliet,

P. Delamater.

From the Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Thos. B. Gregory,

" A. B. Van Zandt,

" J. G. Duryee,

A. B. Preston,

J. Van Vleck, A. Kidd.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John T. Demerest,

" James Demerest,

" Geo. P. Van Wyck,

C. Brink,

J. Noyes, A. Strong.

From the Classis of Greene.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Jeremiah Searle,

" Wm. A. Cornell,

" John L. See,

Thos. Burroughs, Dwight Brockett,

James Van Deusen.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Abraham V. Wyckoff,

" Wm. R. S. Betts,

Henry Wolf, F. H. Fenn,

' Paul D. Van Cleef,

George W. Lindsey,

From the Classis of Michigan.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John Minor,

" David McNeish,

George Young, Stephen Miller,

No Secundi were appointed.

From the Classis of Watervliet.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Wm. Pitcher,

Samuel Crawford,

Theo. F. Wyckoff,

P. G. Vandenburgh,

" John Grey,

D. Moore.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Oscar H. Gregory,

M. Whitbeck,

" J. A. Lansing," John Whitbeck,

N. Bailey,

H. Frazee.

ARTICLE XXIV.

STATED CLERK.

Resolved, That the present Stated Clerk be continued.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to procure the printing of 200 copies of the minutes of this Synod, for distribution among the churches.

ARTICLE XXV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourn, it adjourn to meet in the Lecture Room of the 2d Reformed Dutch Church, in the city of Albany, on the first Wednesday of May, 1849, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The doorkeeper's bill, amounting to \$1, was presented, and ordered to be paid.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. E. Nevius.

JOHN W. WARD, President, COR'S VAN SANTVOORD, Adsessor.

S. W. MILLS, Clerks.

A true copy from the original minutes.

EDWIN HOLMES, Stated Clerk.



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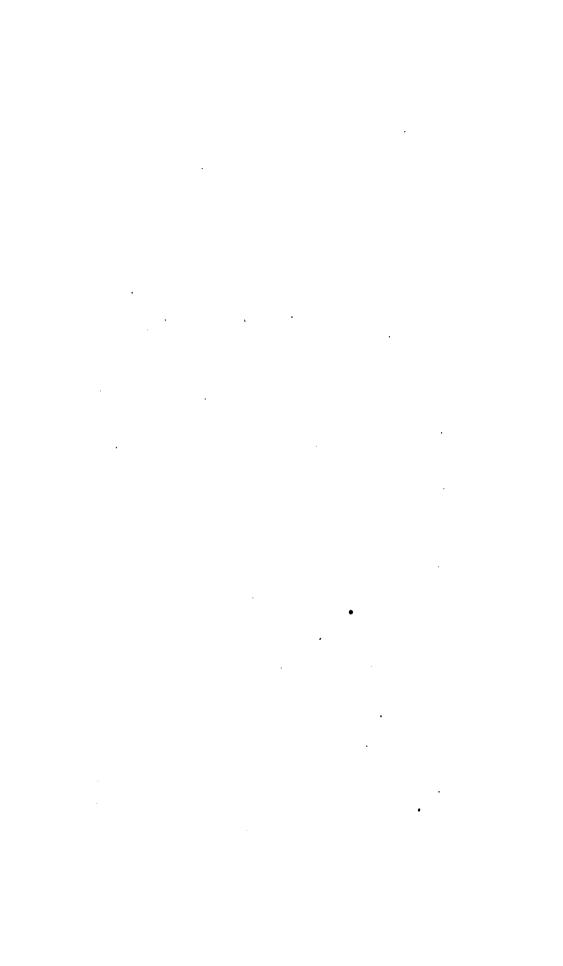
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MINUTES.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Particular Synod of Albany met pursuant to adjournment, in the Lecture Room of the 2d Reformed Dutch Church in the city of Albany, on Wednesday the 2d day of May, 1849, at 10 o'clock A. M., and continued in session until 12 o'clock M. of the second day. In the absence of the President, the Rev. R. Wells was called to the chair, who opened the meeting with prayer. A sermon was preached in the evening of the first day of the session, at the request of the synod, by the Rev. J. Scott, D. D., corresponding delegate from the Particular Synod of New York, from the Song of Solomon, v., 9.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

From the Classis of Albany.

MINISTERS.

ELDER

Rev. Duncan Kennedy, D. D., T. F. Cornell,

" Staats Van Santvoord, Frederick Markle.

From the Classis of Schenectady.

Rev. J. N. Voorhees,

Adrian Van Santvoord.

" W. W. Halloway,

From the Classis of Rensselear.

Rev. E. S. Porter.

Barent Van Buren.

" B. Van Zandt,

From the Classis of Schoharie.

MINISTERS.

ELDERS.

Rev. R. Wells,

Philip Karker.

" Cyril Spaulding.

From the Classis of Ulster.

Rev. John C. Crouckshank.

Luther Lasin.

From the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. Joseph Knieskern

John Vedder.

From the Classis of Washington.

Rev. H. Slauson,

" Samuel S. Searle.

From the Classis of Cayuga.

No delegation.

From the Classis of Orange.

Rev. Isaac G. Duryee,

" Thomas B. Gregory.

From the Classis of Greene.

Rev. A. V. Wyckoff,

J. G. Brandon.

" Paul D. Van Cleef.

James Van Deusen.

From the Classis of Michigan.

No delegation.

From the Classis of Watervliet.

Rev. Theo. F. Wyckoff,

" J. J. Quick.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Rev. Ransford Wells was chosen President; Rev. T. B. Gregory, Adsessor; and the Rev. Messrs. Paul D. Van Cleef and Samuel S. Searle, Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

DELEGATES TO AND FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

The Rev. James Scott, D. D., and D. D. Demerest, appeared from the Particular Synod of New York.

The Rev. Duncan Kennedy, D. D., was appointed a delegate to the next stated meeting of the Particular Synod of New York, to be held in May, 1850.

ARTICLE V.

READING OF MINUTES.

The minutes of the last stated meeting were read.

ARTICLE VI.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE VII.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed, viz.:

On Synodical Minutes—Rev. J. G. Duryee, A. V. Wyckoff, and the elder Luther Laflin.

On Classical Minutes—Rev. Elbert S. Porter, Hiram Slauson, and the elder James Van Deusen.

On the Synodical Report—Rev. W. W. Halloway, Theo. F. Wyckoff, and the elder T. F. Cornell.

On the Questorate—Rev. Cyril Spaulding, John C. Crouckshank, and the elder Barent Van Buren.

On Overtures and Judicial Business—Rev. Thos. B. Gregory, Benj. Van Zandt, and the elder P. Karker.

ARTICLE VIII.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported the following, which was adopted.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully

REPORT:

That they have examined the minutes of the Particular and General synods, and find nothing claiming the attention of this body, except on page 419 of the minutes of the extra session of the General Synod, they find the subject of the change in the time and manner of appointing the members of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary.

J. G. DURYEE, Chairman.

The above report was referred to a committee to nominate members of the Board of Superintendents, in correspondence with the plan of General Synod. Such committee nominated the following persons, who were recommended for appointment to the General Synod, viz: from the Classis of Albany, Rev. Ralph Willis, primarius, and Rev. Staats Van Santvoord, secundus; from the Classis of Schenectady, Rev. W. W. Halloway, primarius, and Rev. Henry A. Raymond, secundus; from the Classis of Rensselaer, Rev. Edwin Holmes, primarius, and Rev. Wm. Bailey, secundus; from the Classis of Schoharie, Rev. Ransford Wells, primarius, and Rev. E. S. Hammond, secundus.

The persons nominated as members of the board were divided into two classes, as follows, to designate the term of their service. The members from the Classes of Albany and Rensselaer, to serve one year, and those from the Classes of Schenectady and Schoharie, to serve two years.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported the following, which was adopted.

The Committee on Classical Minutes would

REPORT:

That they have examined the books of the following classes, viz: Albany, Greene, Schoharie, Watervliet, Washington, Ulster, Rensselaer, Schenectady and Montgomery. That the books of the Classes of Cayuga and Michigan have not been presented.

On the minutes of the Classis of Ulster, there is a notice of an appeal of Mr. Edward Houghtaling and others, from a decision of classis to Particular Synod. Also an appeal by the consistory of the church of Schenectady, from a decision of the Classis of Schenectady.

The following named classes have decided adversely to any

change in the organization of Particular Synods, viz: Rensselaer, Watervliet, Ulster, Schoharie, Schenectady and Montgomery.

In favor of the proposed change to four synods, to be constituted by convention, Washington, Greene and Orange.

Classis of Albany recommends that if four synods are constituted, they be conventional.

So far as the committee have been able to ascertain, the minutes presented have been kept correctly.

E. S. PORTER. Chairman.

So much of the above report as relates to the subject of appeals, was referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

The Committee on the Synodical Report presented the following, which was adopted.

The Committee on the Synodical Report beg leave to report on the state of religion. That the several classes speak of the state of religion, as being generally, during the past years, in a very depressed condition. The language of the Classis of Watervliet is, that "there is nothing peculiar, either in the temporal, or spiritual condition of the churches." The Classis of Rensselaer say, that "during the past year, there has not existed in any of the churches of this Classis, any special influences of the Divine Spirit in the conversion of sinners." The Classis of Orange say, that "God's work has not been in a particular manner revived. Nearly all complain of leanness. Some declare that the dismissions and deaths are more in number than those who have joined themselves to the righteous." Other classes speak in similar language of the generally cold state of the churches.

Over this state of religion we can not but lament. It seems to press upon us as ministers and elders, the duty of more prayer and more earnest and energetic labor in imitation of that Master whom we serve, whose zeal and labors and prayers were as a consuming fire in his heart.

It is our pleasure, however, to say, that several classes do report the enjoyment of a blessing from the presence of the Holy Spirit. The Classis of Albanymention that the churches of Bethlehem, 2d Bethlehem, Union, Salem, Berne and Knox, have been revived during the year. The Classis of Schenectady report a season of gracious influence, as enjoyed by the churches of Amity and Helderbergh, both of which have received pleasant additions, to the communion of the church. The Classis of Greene speak of a rich and marvellous display of Divine grace in one of their churches, without specifying which one. Of all the churches under the care of this synod, these few are the only ones which have reported any considerable additions to the number in their communion.

To show still more clearly the exact condition of the churches of this synod, the committee have examined the statistical reports before the synod to discover the relative number of the members now, as compared with the number in communion, one year ago. The reports from many of the churches are imperfect; but, as far as they are before your committee, the following is the result:

The Classis of Ulster reports a decrease of thirty-eight; the Classis of Washington, of twelve; Montgomery, of twenty-eight; Schoharie, three; Rensselaer, one. On the other hand, the Classis of Green reports an increase of forty-one church members. The Classis of Schenectady, thirty-two; the Classis of Orange, thirty; Watervliet, one; Albany, seventy-four. The result of the whole is, that the comparison shows an increase of ninety-six church members during the past year.

The committee can not but feel that, from the number of churches under the care of this synod, this increase is indeed small. A few particular churches have received an increase, but this is almost nullified by the decrease in other churches. The result carries its own suggestions, and impresses its own lessons. It seems to ask us whether there is that earnest, prayerful, laborious effort in winning souls, which as the ministers of Christ, we should put forth.

During the past year there has been removed by deaths from the ranks of the ministry, Rev. John P. Spinner of the Classis of Montgomery, Rev. Peter S. Wynkoop of the Classis of Rensselaer. By a sad and sudden Providence of God, we have also been called to mourn over the loss of our beloved missionary, brother Rev. William J. Pohlman. This event, so full of sorrow to the mission and to the church, calls upon us to recognize the hand of God, and to give ourselves more earnestly to prayer and labor, for the success of the great work for which he lived and died. And as a suitable expression of the feelings of this synod, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, passed by the Classis of Albany, on the same subject:

Resolved, That this Particular Synod feels deeply humbled under this mysterious dispensation, by which the church of Christ has been deprived of one of its most efficient ministers, and the missionary cause, of one of its most enlightened, zealous, and devoted servants.

Resolved, That this visitation should be regarded as a solemn admonition, to us to engage with greater dilligence and zeal, in the work to which we are called, as ambassadors for Christ, and should awaken in the hearts of all the followers of the Redeemer, a stronger faith in Him who is the God of missions, and who, though his ways be often enshrouded in darkness which human vision can not penetrate, has still promised that his purposes of grace, toward this fallen world, will, in due time, be infallibly and gloriously accomplished.

Resolved, That we tender our heart-felt condolence, to the relatives of our deceased brother, and beseech, on their behalf, the smiles of a covenant God.

The Classis of Albany have received and settled the Rev. David A. Jones over the church of Union; Rev. John A. Lansing over the 2d church of Bethlehem; and the candidates Philip Peltz, over the churches of Coeymans and New Baltimore, and Rutgers Van Brunt over the 3d church of Albany. The Classis of Schenectady, have received and ordained the candidate Jacob N. Voorhees, as a missionary in the church of Day; Rev. John De Witt has been installed pastor of the church of Canajoharie, in the bounds of the Classis of Montgomery; Rev. Jacob D. Fonda has been received and installed pastor of the church of Schaghticoke, by the Classis of

Washington; and the candidate, Samuel S. Searle, ordained and installed over the church of Buskirk's bridge. Within the Classis of Schoharie, the pastoral relation between the Rev. Nanning Bogardus and the church of Sharon, has been dissolved. Classis of Montgomery has dismissed the Rev. James McFarland from the church of Canajoharie. The Classis of Orange has dismissed the Rev. Charles Whitehead from the church of Walden. Classis of Schenectady has dismissed the Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, D. D., from the church of Schenectady. Classis of Albany has dismissed the Rev. Rutgers Van Brunt from the 3d church of Albany. The Classis of Greene has dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Wm. A. Cornell and the church of Athens. Rev. John De Witt has been dismissed from the Classis of Rensselaer. to that of Montgomery. And the Rev. John F. Schermerhorn from the Classis of Washington to that of Watervleit. The Classis of Ulster has dissolved the pastoral connection between the Rev. Samuel Harlow and the church of Shoken. The Rev. B. A. Evans has been received by the Classis of Greene, from the Presbytery of Lucerne, Pennsylvania. Rev. B. R. Hall has been dismissed by the Classis of Poughkeepsie, and received by the Classis of Orange. Rev. John Gray, from the Classis of Watervliet, has been received by the Classis of Rensselaer, and installed over the 1st church of Ghent. candidate, Charles H. Still, from the Classis of New York, has been ordained and installed over the church of New Paltz. by the Classis of Ulster.

Respectfully submitted, W. W. HALLOWAY, Ch'n,

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

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ARTICLE IX.

REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported that they find on the minutes of the Classis of Ulster, (page 516,) a notice of an appeal to this synod, from a decision of said classis, in relation to the dismission and recommendation of certain individuals from the church of Hurley, to be connected with the church of Kingston. That this appeal does not appear in order, inasmuch as no appellant's name is mentioned, and no reasons of appeal are given. The committee therefore recommend that the appeal be dismissed.

The committee farther find that an appeal from the consistory of the church of Schenectady from a decision of the Classis of Schenectady, relating to the mode of choosing elders and deacons in said church, is in order, and recommend that synod enter upon an examination and trial of the case.

Messrs. Stephen H. Johnson and William Van Vranken were accredited as commissioners from the consistory appealing.

The Rev. Messrs. Abraham I. Swits and Wm. P. Davis were accredited as commissioners to defend the action of classis in this case.

Synod took up the appeal in the following order;

- 1. The decision appealed from was read.
- 2. The appeal and reasons of appeal were read.
- 3. The documents in the case were read.
- 4. The appellants were heard by their commissioner, Mr. Van Vranken.
 - 5. The classis was heard by Messrs. Davis and Swits.
- 6. The appellants were farther heard by their commissioner, Mr. Johnson.

The parties having withdrawn, synod proceeded to deliberate and decide. Whereupon the following resolution was proposed, viz: Resolved, That the appeal be sustained.

This resolution was decided in the affirmative by a unanimous vote of the synod, and for the following reasons:

- 1. Because the original charter under which the church of Schenectady exists, provides the mode of choosing its officers, which has hitherto been in use, and which can not be altered without the consent of the consistory.
- 2. Because the petition, upon which such decision was made, was not properly before the classis—not having come from the consistory of the church at Schenectady, nor ever presented to them.
- 3. Because it appears from the documents in the case that only a very small minority of the members of said church have ever asked for a change.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CHURCH VISITATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XX.

DEPUTATI SYNODI.

The following were appointed, viz.:

For the Classis of Albany.

PRIMARII.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Duncan Kennedy, D. D. Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D.

For the Classis of Schenectady.

Rev. John B. Steele.

Rev. W. W. Halloway.

For the Classis of Rensselear.

Rev. Elbert Nevius.

Rev. Edwin Holmes.

For the Classis of Schoharie.

Rev. E. S. Hammond.

Rev. Cyril Spaulding.

For the Classis of Ulster.

Rev. Cor's Van Santvoord.

Rev. Chas. H. Stitt.

For the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. Douw Van OLinda.

Rev. John De Witt.

For the Classis of Washington.

Rev. Henry Morris.

Rev. Hiram Slauson.

For the Classis of Cayuga.

Rev. Gustavus Abeel, D. D. Rev. Charles Wyley.

For the Classis of Orange.

Rev. Samuel B. Ayres.

Rev. Abraham B. Van Zandt.

For the Classis of Greene.

Rev. Wm. R. S. Betts.

Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef

For the Classis of Michigan.

Rev. Asa Bennett.

Rev. Safrenus Seeber.

For the Classis of Watervliet.

Rev. Wm. Pitcher.

Rev. Oscar H. Gregory.

The following reports were received from Deputati Synodiand approved by synod:

To the Particular Synod of Albany:

The undersigned Dep. Syn. for the Classis of Orange attended a meeting of the Classis of Ulster at New Paltz, on the first day of August, 1848, when the student John W. Hammond was examined for licensure. The examination was performed with strictness, propriety, and justice.

J. B. ALLIGER, Dep. Syn.

To the Particular Synod of Albany:

The undersigned Dep. Syn. for the Classis of Orange, attended a meeting of the Classis of Ulster, at New Paltz, on the 29th day of November, 1848, when the candidate, Charles H. Stitt, was examined with a view to his ordination. The examination was conducted agreeably to the requirements of the constitution.

J. B. ALLIGER, Dep. Syn.

The undersigned Dep. Syn. of the Classis of Albany reports, that on the 17th of April, 1849, he attended a regular meeting of the Classis of Watervliet, at which time Alexander Dickson was examined preparatory to his being ordained to the work of the gospel ministry. Your Deputatus is happy to be able to say that the examination was faithfully conducted and honorably sustained.

D. KENNEDY, Dep. Syn.

The undersigned Dep. Syn. reports that he has attended three examinations of candidates. Philip Peltz on the 14th of October; Samuel S. Searle on the 14th of November; and Rutgers Van Brunt on the 27th of December, and that the examinations were conducted in due form and well sustained.

THEO. F. WYCKOFF, Dep. Syn.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

The communication containing the bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Bunschoten was read.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to ascertain the decision of those classes which have not laid their books upon the table, upon the subject of the reorganization of the Particular Synods.

ARTICLE XXII.

QUESTORATE.

The Questor presented the following account, which was referred to the Committee on the Questorate.

The Particular Synod of Albany in account with E. S. Herrick, Questor.

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ARTICLE XXIII.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The following delegates were appointed, viz:

From the Classis of Albany.

PRIMARII.
MINISTERS.

Rev. John A. Lansing,

" David A. Jones," Philip Peltz.

ELDERS.

Teunis Van Vechten, William B. Hall.

William C. Miller.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D., Jacob Lansing,

" Wm. H. Campbell, D. D., David Burhans,

" Rutgers Van Brunt. Benjamin Van Natta.

From the Classis of Schenectady.

PRIMARII.

Rev. William P. Davis,

" C. S. Mead,

C. S. Conde,

Stephen H. Johnson,

" Jacob Van Vechten, D. D. A. Van Antwerp.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Henry A. Raymond,

" W. W. Halloway,

Jacob Van Vranken, Jeremiah Schuyler.

" Abraham I. Swits.

Simon C. Groot.

From the Classis of Rensselaer.

PRIMARII.

Rev. William Bailey,

John A. Whitbeck,

" Elbut Nivins,

Jacob S. Ham,

" Elbut S. Porter.

Barent Van Buren.

SECUNDI.

Rev. William A. Cornell,

John De Freest, Thomas F. Mesick.

" John Gray,
" Edwin Holmes.

Philip S. Harder.

From the Classis of Schokarie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Jacob West,

Ralph Manning,

" E. S. Hammond,

Wm. H. Ball,

" Alanson B. Chittenden.

Jacob Settle.

SECUMDI.

Rev. John M. Scribner, P. Karker,
"Paul Weidman, Dr. Van Dyck,

" Ransford Wells. Storm S. Becker.

From the Classis of Ulster.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John C. F. Hoes, Jacob Burhans,

" Thos. C. Strong, Jonathan Auchmoody,

Ephraim Depuy. Elijah Alliger.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Alex. Gulick,

" Victor M. Hulbert,

Andrew A. Newkirk,

John V. L. Overbagh,

" Charles H. Stitt. John N. Le Fevre.

From the Classis of Montgomery.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Chas. J. McLean, D. D., David Johnson,

" Garret L. Roof, John M. Grime,

" James Murphy, D. D. John H. Moyer.

SECUNDI.

Rev. James Donald, G. Zimmerman,

" Douw Van OLinda, Jacob Markee,

" Jedediah L. Starks. James Lusher.

From the Classis of Washington.

PRIMARII.

Rev. James Parry. L. Viele.

" H. Morris, L. Woodward,

John H. Pitcher. S. Taylor.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John Dubois, J. Fortune,

" Uriah Marvin, P. V. N. Morris.

' Biram Slauson. S. Marshall.

From the Classis of Cayuga.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. C. Dutcher, William Selora,

" John V. Henry, Vincent Conrod,

" James A. H. Cornell. John B. Bennet.

SECTIONI.

Rev. John A. Siddle,

Lewis J. Hasbrouck,

" Benjamin Bassler,

George M. Weaver,

" Cornelius Gates.

John Decker.

From the Classis or Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John W. Ward,

Isaac Jennings,

" John T. Demerest,

Thomas Jessup,

" Samuel W. Mills.

John Noyes.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Elbut Slingerland,

J. W. Ludlum,

" James B. Ten Eyck,

P. B. Cromwell,

" George P. Van Wyck.

S. Otis.

From the Classis of Greene.

PRIMARII.

Rev. William R. S. Betts,

Abraham Van Vechten,

" C. A. Evans,

John Larraway,

" David Murdock.

Elisha Blackmore.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Jeremiah Searle,

John Van Vechten,

" John L. Lee,

William V. B. Heermance.

" Paul D. Van Cleef.

John F. Sax.

From the Classis of Michigan.

PRIMARII.

Rev. A. B. Taylor,

" Safrinus Seeber.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Harrison Heermance,

" John Minor.

From the Classis of Watervliet.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John F. Schermerhorn,

C. F. Crosby,

" Oscar H. Gregory,

Charles Easton.

" William Pitcher.

Martin Van OLinda.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John J. Quick,

N. Bailey,

" John Smith,

Samuel Crawford,

" Alexander Dickson.

P. Vandenburgh.

ARTICLE XXIV.

STATED CLERK.

Resolved, That the present Stated Clerk be continued in office.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to procure the printing of 200 copies of the minutes of this synod for distribution among the churches.

ARTICLE XXV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the next stated meeting of this synod be held in the Lecture Room of the Reformed Dutch Church in the city of Schenectady, on the first Wednesday of May, 1850, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The doorkeeper's bill, amounting to \$2.682, was presented and ordered to be paid.

The minutes having been read and approved, synod adjourned, and was closed with prayer by Rev. D. D. Demerest.

RANSFORD WELLS, President. THOS. B. GREGORY, Adsessor.

SAMUEL S. SEARLE, PAUL D. VAN CLEEF, Clerks.

Official copy from the original minutes.

EDWIN HOLMES, Stated Clerk.

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MINUTES

OF THE

PARTICULAR SYNOD

ALBANY,

CONVENED AT

SCHENECTADY, MAY 1, 1850.

ALBANY: JOEL MUNSELL, PRINTER. 1850.



MINUTES.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Particular Synod of Albany met at Schenectady, pursuant to adjournment, on Wednesday, the 1st day of May, 1850, at 10 o'clock A. M., and continued in session until 12 o'clock M. of the second day. The chair was taken by the Rev. Ransford Wells, the President of the last Synod, who opened the meeting with prayer. The Synodical Sermon was preached in the evening of the first day, by Mr. Wells, from Matthew, v, 13: "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

The following members presented proper credentials, and took their seats as members of the Synod, viz:

From the Classis of Albany.

MINISTERS.

ELDERS.

Rev. Philip Peltz,
"Nanning Bogardus,

Frederick Markle.

From the Classis of Schenectady.

Rev. W. Ingalls,

P. J. Wemple, Nicholas Yates.

From the Classis of Rensselaer.

Rev. Edwin Holmes,

John N. Vedder.

From the Classis of Schoharie.

Rev. Cyril Spaulding.

From the Classis of Ulster.

Rev. John C. F. Hoes,

J. P. Osterhout, Ten Eyck Dewitt.

From the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. James Murphy, D. D.

From the Classis of Washington.

Rev. Joseph Parry.

From the Classis of Cayuga.

No delegation.

From the Classis of Orange.

Rev. D. McL. Quackenbush,

" Martin V. Schoonmaker.

From the Classis of Greene.

Rev. J. L. See.

Roswell M. Lawrence.

From the Classis of Michigan.

No delegation.

From the Classis of Watervliet.

Rev. Theodore F. Wyckoff, John Van Santvoord.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Rev. John C. F. Hoes was chosen President; the Rev. Martin V. Schoonmaker, Adsessor; and the Rev. Messrs. T. F. Wyckoff and P. Peltz, Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

DELEGATES TO AND FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ...
NEW YORK.

No delegates appeared from the Particular Synod of New York. The Rev. John C. F. Hoes was appointed a delegate to the stated meeting of the Particular Synod of New York, to be held in May, 1851.

ARTICLE V.

READING OF MINUTES.

The minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Synod were read.

ARTICLE VI.

RULES OF ORDER.

The rules of order not being in the house, the reading was dispensed with.

ARTICLE VII.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Synodical Minutes—Rev. E. Holmes, P. Peltz, and the Elder F. Markle.

On Classical Minutes—Rev. M. V. Schoonmaker, J. Parry, and the Elder Nicholas Yates.

On Synodical Report—Rev. D. McL. Quackenbush, John L. See, and the Elder J. P. Osterhout.

On the Questorate—Rev. T. F. Wyckoff, C. Spaulding, and the Elder Ten Eyck Dewitt.

On Overtures and Judicial Business—Rev. James Murphy, E. Holmes, and the Elder R. M. Lawrence.

ARTICLE VIII.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully report, that they have examined the minutes of General Synod, and the minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany and New York, and find nothing requiring the attention of this body.

Respectfully submitted, EDWIN HOLMES, Ch'n,

The Committee on Classical Minutes presented the following, which was adopted.

The Committee on Classical Minutes would respectfully report, that they have examined the minutes of the following classes, viz: Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Schoharie, Ulster, Montgomery, Washington, Orange, Greene, and Watervliet. In the absence of the book of minutes, a communication was received from the Stated Clerk of the Classis of Michigan, containing the statistical table, and the appointment of delegates to the Particular Synod, and the nomination of members to the General Synod.

Your committee regret to notice the fact, that the minutes of the Classis of Cayuga have not been laid upon the table of Particular Synod for the last three years. Therefore

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of the Classis of Cayuga be particularly requested to lay their book of minutes upon the table, at the next stated meeting of the Particular Synod.

On examination of the books, your committee would state, that credit is due to the Stated Clerks for the neat and orderly manner in which the books are kept: and they find nothing claiming the attention of Synod, except the recommendation of two beneficiaries. One from the Classis of Albany, the recommendation of Josiah Markee; the other from the Classis of Greene, recommending Isaac Colyer, to the funds of the church, in preparing for the gospel ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
M. V. SCHOONMAKER.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business report, that nothing has come before them claiming the attention of Particular Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES MURPHY, Ch'n.

The Committee on the Synodical Report presented the following, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on the State of Religion present the following report.

The reports from the various classes speak of mingled causes of mourning and joy. One announces "less than the usual increase;" another "an aggregate loss in the number of communicants;" another mournfully says, "In spiritual things we cry, my leanness, my leanness." Another confesses that they are "in a cold state, and have reason to humble themselves before God." Another laments that "the reasonable expectation from God's judgments of the past year, have been disappointed;" and another, that "all but two of their congregations have diminished in number."

But with these lamentations are mingled much that cheers and encourages. While one speaks of flourishing, in comparison with last year, and another of a gradual increase in the number of professors of religion, the Classis of Schoharie more definitely reports a gentle descent of the Spirit, fertilizing the heritage, and causing fruit to be produced, to the glory of God. Within its bounds sixty-seven have been received, while only sixteen have been removed by death.

The Classis of Schenectady states, that in the Second Church of Glenville, there have been some recent blessed evidences of gracious movements; and in the Church of Helderbergh, there have been received some sheaves from the cheering harvest of the previous year.

The Classis of Rensselaer reports, that within the congregation of Nassau, an interesting work of grace has occurred, the spirit of which is the hopeful conversion of over twenty precious youths, connected principally with the female institute of that place.

While from the Classis of Orange, there is announced a cause of joy; one congregation has enjoyed great refreshment during the year. In one there is a revival, now in progress; in all, more than the usual improvement; and on the whole, an aggregate increase of nearly one hundred members.

A new church has been organized, within the bounds of the Classis of Orange, at Upper Neversink.

Some of the classes recognize a commendable improvement in attention to the great objects of Christian benevolence; to the advancement of the cause of Christ; and to the religious instruction of the young.

The ministerial changes have been numerous. The Rev. Nanning Bogardus has been installed over the Church of Westerlo. The Rev. W. W. Halloway has been installed pastor of the Third Church of Albany. The Rev. D. McL. Quackenbush, from the Classis of New York, has been installed over the Church of Warwarsing. The Rev. Martin V. Schoonmaker, from the North Classis of Long Island, has been installed over the Church of Waldon. The Rev. J. N. Voorhis has been installed pastor of the Church of Shokan. The Rev. F. W. Smuller over the Second Church of Kingston. The Rev. George R. Williamson over the Church of Amity. The Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, from the Classis of Bergen, over the Church of Schenectady.

The candidate J. H. Von Woert, has been ordained and installed over the Church of Breakabin. The candidate Henry Eckle, from the Classis of Philadelphia, over the Church of Sharon. The candidate J. W. Hammond, over the Church of Grahamville; and Garret L. Roof, over the Churches of Glen and Auriesville. The Rev. W. L. James and J. Rosekrans, have been received from the Presbytery of Utica.

The dismissals are as follows: the Rev. A. B. Van Zandt to the Presbytery of East Hanover, Va.; the Rev. John W. Ward to the North Classis of Long Island; the Rev. James Demarest to the Classis of New York; and the Rev. Thomas B. Gregory to the Classis of Bergen. The Rev. Joshua Boyd has been received from the Classis of Hudson.

The pastoral relation has been dissolved between the Rev. A. C. Hillman and the Church of Mamakating; the Rev. W. W. Halloway and the Church of Amity; the Rev. John T. Demarest and the Church of New Prospect; the Rev. Elbert S. Porter and the Church at Chatham; the Rev. C. H. Chester and the Church of Saratoga; the Rev. John C. Cruickshank and the Church of Hurley; the Rev. Thomas C. Strong and the Churches of Rosendale and Bloomingdale.

All of which is respectfully submitted, D. McL. QUACKENBUSH, Ch'n.

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	Churches.		West Troy, O. H. Gregory,	South Ch. Troy, Theo.	Wynantskill,	Boght,	Waterford,	Cohoes, C. N. Waldron,	Rensselaer, G. McCarty,	Ministers withou

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ARTICLE IX.

REFERENCES.

The Rev. A. C. Van Raalte appeared as a delegate from the Classis of Holland, in Michigan, and made application for the reception of said classis by this Synod. Whereupon the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, Application has been made, in due form, by the Classis of Holland, in Michigan, to be received into connexion with this body; therefore

Resolved, That under the peculiar circumstances of the case, this Synod gives its sanction to the action of said Classis of Holland, relating to the mode of its organization, and refer to the General Synod the matter of its reception, and also the question—To which Particular Synod it shall belong?

The Synod adopted also the following:

Resolved, That whereas the delegate of the Classis of Holland, in Michigan, has represented to this Synod, that there are many portions of the flock of Christ that have emigrated from Holland, scattered about in separate localities, and constantly increasing by new accessions, and yet unable to call and support pastors, and are therefore likely to be perverted in faith, and swallowed up by errorists and strangers around, and therefore that it is exceedingly desirable that they shall have some competent persons to visit them statedly, and preach to them the word of life; therefore, this Synod do earnestly sympathize with these destitute brethren, and would recommend their case to General Synod, to provide

for them ministers, itinerants, or colporteurs, as shall seem best adapted to their situation.

ARTICLE X. APPEALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CHURCH VISITATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XX.

DEPUTATI SYNODI.

The following were appointed, viz:

For the Classis of Albany.

PRIMARII.

SECUNDI.

Rev. I. N. Wyckoff, D. D., Rev. W. W. Halloway.

For the Classis of Schenectady.

Rev. G. R. Williamson, Rev. W. J. R. Taylor.

For the Classis of Rensselaer.

Rev. E. P. Stimpson,

Rev. E. Nevius.

For the Classis of Schoharie.

Rev. Cyril Spaulding,

Rev. J. West.

For the Classis of Ulster.

Rev. C. H. Still,

Rev. J. C. F. Hoes.

For the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. C. G. McLean, D. D., Rev. J. Murphy, D. D.

For the Classis of Washington.

Rev. H. Slauson,

Rev. H. Morris.

For the Classis of Cayuga.

Rev. Charles Wiley,

Rev. J. A. H. Cornell.

For the Classis of Orange.

Rev. D. McL. Quackenbush, Rev. S. W. Mills.

For the Classis of Greene.

Rev. J. Searle,

Rev. A. V. Wyckoff.

For the Classis of Michigan.

Rev. S. Seber.

Rev. D. McNeish.

For the Classis of Watervliet.

Rev. O. H. Gregory,

Rev. Theo. F. Wyckoff.

The following reports were received from Deputati Synodi, and approved by Synod.

To the Particular Synod of Albany.

The undersigned, Dep Syn. for the Classis of Schoharie, attended a meeting of the Classis of Greene, on the 28th of August, 1849, at which time Jacob H. Van Woert was examined for licensure. The examination was conducted agreeably to the requirements of the constitution of our church, and was honorably sustained.

CYRIL SPAULDING, Dep. Syn.

To the Particular Synod of Albany.

This is to certify that the undersigned was present, in August, 1849, as Dep. Syn. of the Classis of Orange, at a meeting of the Classis of Ulster, held at Kingston, to superintend their proceedings in the

examination of Benj. F. Snyder, for licensure. He was examined on all the subjects prescribed in the constitution for candidates, and sustained himself well.

He was also present, at the same time and place, at the examination of H. W. Smuller, from the Presbyterian Church, who had received and accepted a call from the Second Dutch Church of Kingston, to be their pastor. Having presented a certificate of dismission and recommendation, he was examined on all the subjects prescribed in the digest, which according to the direction of General Synod, are to be attended to in receiving ministers from other bodies. The examination was conducted with propriety, and well sustained.

S. B. AYRES, Dep Syn.

To the Particular Synod of Albany.

The undersigned, Dep. Syn. of the Classis of Ulster, attended a meeting of the Classis of Orange, held September 18th, in the Reformed Dutch Church of Shawangunk, for the examination of John W. Hammond, with a view to his ordination as pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church at Grahamville. On being duly recognized by the classis, the examination was entered upon, and the candidate subjected to a fair and faithful test of his acquirements. As the result was not entirely satisfactory, it was resolved that the examination be resumed on the 16th of October, at the Reformed Dutch Church of Grahamville.

Your deputatus accordingly met with the Classis of Orange, at the aforesaid time and place, when the examination of the candidate was resumed.

Special attention was had to the departments of didactic theology and ecclesiastical history, the examination on languages, biblical literature, &c., having before given general satisfaction. After a fair and rigid investigation, it was resolved by classis that the entire examination be sustained.

CHAS. H. STILL, Dep. Syn.

To the Particular Synod of Albany.

The undersigned reports that it was his pleasure to be present at a meeting of the Classis of Schoharie, on the 24th of October, 1849, at Sharon, where the candidate Henry Eckle was examined, in view of ordination. Also on the 9th of January, 1850, at Breakabin, when the candidate J. C. Van Woert underwent a similar trial. The examinations were conducted and sustained in a very happy and satisfactory manner.

WM. PITCHER, Dep. Syn.

To the Particular Synod of Albany.

The undersigned, Dep. Syn. for the Classis of Schoharie, attended a meeting of the Classis of Greene, on the 28th of August, 1849, at which time J. H. Van Woert was examined for licensure. The examination was conducted agreeably to the requirements of the constitution of our church, and was honorably sustained.

CYRIL SPAULDING, Dep. Syn.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

The communication containing the bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Bunschoten, was read.

ARTICLE XXII.

QUESTORATE.

The Questor presented the following account, which was referred to the Committee on the Questorate.

The Particular Synod of Albany, in account with E. S. Herrick, Questor.

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May 3,	Cash paid Re	v. E. Holmes, S. C.,	\$30.00
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June 26,	" J. Mu	nsell, for printing min.	, 34.54
July 31,		t on package of min.,	.37
Sept'r 8,	" "	" extra session,	•25
1850.		-	\$73.04
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May 2,	By cash from	Classis of Schoharie,	10.00
" 2,	"	" Watervliet,	40.02
" 8,	"	" Schenectady	, 10.00
" 23 ,	"	" Washington,	20.00
Sept'r 8,	"	" Montgomery	
Dec'r 14,	"	"Rensselaer,	10.00
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April 10,	"	" Albany,	10.00
	Respectfu	llv submitted.	\$1 47 ·43

Respectfully submitted, E. S. HERRICK, Questor. The Committee on the Questorate reported the following, which was adopted.

The Committee on the Questorate would respectfully report, that they have examined the papers of the Questor, and find the accounts entirely correct. The balance now in the hands of the Questor, amounts to \$74.38.

Respectfully submitted, T. F. WYCKOFF, Ch'n.

ARTICLE XXIII.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following delegates were appointed, viz:

From the Classis of Albany.

PRIMARII.

Ministers.

Elders.

Rev. I. N. Wyckoff, D. D., Jacob Lansing,

" W. W. Halloway, Peter Van Buren,

" Staats Van Santvoord, Theo. F. Cornell.

SECUNDI.

Rev.W. H. Campbell, D.D., William Bay,

" D. Kennedy, D. D., L. G. Ten Eyck,

' Philip Peltz, Wm. B. Hull.

From the Classis of Schenectady.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Wm. J. R. Taylor, Abraham W. Toll,

" Geo. R. Williamson, Jacob C. Van Vranken,

" Abraham J. Swits, John D. Ogsbury.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Henry A. Raymond, S. H. Johnson,

" W. L. James, D. F. Rees,

" J. Van Vechten, D. D., Wm. Van Vranken.

From the Classis of Rensselaer.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. C. Vandervoort, Zechariah Link,

" Edwin Holmes, John N. Vedder,

" Benj. Van Zandt, Richard Graves.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John Gray, 'Henry T. Snyder,
"Elbert Nevius, L. Gillett,
"Wm. A. Cornell, J. De Freest.

From the Classis of Ulster.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Alexander Gulick, Luther Lafflin,
"Victor M. Hulbert, J. V. L. Overbagh,
"Chas. H. Still, J. P. Eltinge.

SECUNDI.

Rev. H. W. Smuller, Wm. H. Diederick, " J. A. Voorhees, Wm. C. Longyear, " Henry Ostrander, James A. Emerick.

From the Classis of Schoharie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. L. H. Van Dyck, P. H. Rightmeyer,
"Rev. Ransford Wells, P. A. Swart,
"John M. Scribner, Adam T. Hager.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. West, Wm. Becker,
Wm. Demarest, J. Bassler,
E. S. Hammond, John Young.

From the Classis of Montgomery.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Douw Van O'Linda, Richard Hudson,

"Garret L. Roof, Geo. Timmerman,

"J. H. Carle, Henry J. Denndorf.

SECUNDI.

Rev. N. F. Chapman,

John D. Schuyler,

" Jas. Stevenson,

Asahel Hawley,

" Jas. Murphy, D. D.,

James Van Vorst.

From the Classis of Washington.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Uriah Maryin,

L. T. McLean,

" Samuel T. Searle,

L. B. Thompson,

" John Dubois.

A. Van Vechten.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Jacob D. Fonda,

Ira Lawrence,

" Henry Slawson,

' P. B. Whelden,

" John H. Pitcher,

S. Thompson.

From the Classis of Cayuga.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Cor's Yates.

Vincent Conrad,

" Benj. Bassler,

James Besamer,

" Charles Wiley,

Job Wells.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. V. Henry,

Augustus Sherrill,

" A. B. Winfield,

Peter Lounsbury,

" J. M. Compton,

Peter Rapelje.

From the Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Jas. B. Ten Eyck,

H. Millehen,

" J. B. Alliger,

R. Hardenburgh,

" S. B. Ayres,

L. Mills.

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SECUNDI.

Rev. John T. Demarest,

J. Van Aken,

" S. W. Mills,

J. A. Morrison,

" J. G. Duryee,

J. D. Decker.

From the Classis of Greene.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Jeremiah Searle, Anthony M. Van Bergen,

" Abraham V. Wyckoff, John Larraway,

" Wm. R. S. Betts, John Van Vechten.

SECUNDI.

Rev. D. Murdock, D. D., R. M. Lawrence,

" John L. See, David G. Abeel,

" Wm. E. Turner, Anthony Van Bergen.

From the Classis of Michigan.

PRIMARII.

Rev. David McNeish, Charles Dayton.

" John Minor,

SECUNDI.

Rev. Safrenus Seeber, Nicholas Sixby,

" A. B. Taylor, James H. Penniman.

. From the Classis of Watervliet.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. F. Schermerhorn, C. F. Crosby,

" Chas. N. Waldron, J. T. Lansing,

" Oscar H. Gregory, Charles Easton.

SECUNDI.

Rev. William Pitcher, Lawrence Vandewerken,

" Alex. Dickson, ----- Fonda,

"Theo. F. Wyckoff, Isaac Hitchcock.

ARTICLE XXIV.

STATED CLERK.

Resolved, That the present Stated Clerk be continued.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to

procure the printing of two hundred copies of the minutes of the present session of this Synod, for distribution among the churches.

ARTICLE XXV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the next stated meeting of this Synod be held in the consistory room of the Second Dutch Church in the city of Albany, on the 1st Wednesday of May, A. D. 1851, at 10 o'clock A. M.

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The doorkeeper's bill, amounting to \$3, was presented, and ordered to be paid.

The minutes having been read and approved, Synod adjourned, and was closed with prayer by the President.

> JOHN C. F. HOES, President, MARTIN V. SCHOONMAKER, Adsessor.

PHILIP PELTZ,
THEO. F. WYCKOFF,

Clerks.

Official copy from the original minutes, EDWIN HOLMES, Stated Clerk.

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